

# Brandeis



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# Dear Reader

Geologically, there is nothing remarkable about the hill upon which Brandeis University sits. Nearby, to the north and west, are other hills much like it, most of their summits struggling to reach 400 feet above sea level, their ascents steep, creating suburban neighborhoods upon their flanks so vertical that the backyards on one street are level with the roofs on the next.

Brandeis's hill, like the others, is the product of an unthinkable length of time measured in hundreds of millions of years, time enough for molten rock in the earth's mantle to rise up into the overlying rock of the earth's crust, displacing some of the crust but not breaking through to the surface, and to cool very slowly, allowing time for the liquid rock to crystallize somewhat before hardening. Then followed time enough for massive ice sheets to form, spread, and retreat, over and over again, across the northern part of the continent, scraping and scouring, and plowing away the softer country rock and even parts of the harder lumps below, until, out of sheer durability, these irregular, modest blobs of Waltham diorite became the highest points of land in the area.

Diorite is an igneous rock similar to granite. It is coarse-grained because the minerals that are its main ingredients had time to grow into relatively large crystals as the intruded magma slowly cooled beneath the surface. Diorite is a highly variable rock in appearance but tends to be darker than the familiar salt-and-pepper aspect of granite, which has more quartz and orthoclase feldspar than does diorite with its preponderance of plagioclase and hornblende. Other than that, it is just as durable—hard as a rock—and nearly as common.

So while there is nothing remarkable about this diorite hill under Brandeis University, it is remarkable for a university campus to be so uniquely beautified by such an abundance of exposed bedrock. So ubiquitous are outcroppings of ledge, faceted rock faces, and minor monadnocks on our campus that they go largely uncelebrated. The majestic, exposed ridge that runs along the science complex from Pearlman Hall to The Castle is not only striking in its mass and detail; it is famous. In 1632, when John Winthrop led an exploration party up the Charles River, he stopped to climb a "high rocky promontory" and overlook what would become Boston

Harbor. Historians feel it likely that what he climbed was our ledge, which has become known as Boston Rock.

Such handsome and epic rock is evident surrounding Spingold Theater, alongside Slossberg Music Center, and in various exposures all along the peripheral road. The statue of our Louis Brandeis stands upon its own pedestal of diorite, a very island of outcrop. In front of the Shapiro Admissions Center, rivaling in grace and stature any man-made sculpture on campus, stands a huge split rock, one half partially overarching the other like a mother protecting her offspring. And what other campus can boast such an abundance and variety of expertly crafted stone walls? I invite you to take note, when next you are on campus, of our exceptional "rock garden."

Quite apart from our academic excellence, favorable location, unrivaled research opportunities, and other advantages that make us an outstanding university, it is time we acknowledge yet another aspect that sets us apart: Brandeis rocks.

Cliff

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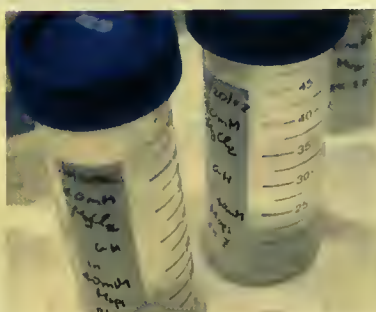
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### Clinton and Roosevelt at Rabb

#### Senator Speaks at Florida Seminar

New York Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton spoke at Brandeis University's 12th annual Norman S. and Eleanor E. Rabb Seminar in South Florida, paying tribute to another former First Lady who was affiliated with the school—Eleanor Roosevelt.



(Left to right) Brandeis University President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72; New York Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton; Shulamit Reinharz, Ph.D. '77, Jacob Potofsky Professor of Sociology; and Elaine Schuster.

"Eleanor Roosevelt has been a great inspiration in my life and it does not surprise me that she was a member of the Brandeis faculty and board and delivered the first commencement address [in 1952]," the first-time senator told a gathering of more than 1,000 people on January 23 at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach.

The wife of President Franklin Roosevelt was an early member of the Brandeis Board of Trustees, delivered the University's first commencement speech, and joined the Brandeis faculty as a visiting lecturer in international relations. The University's Roosevelt Fellows peer-mentoring program bears her name.

"It is important for all of us to take lessons from Eleanor Roosevelt," Clinton said during an hour-long talk. "Those lessons being have hope, have a vision, and make a commitment—and then follow through with it."

Senator Clinton came to the Palm Beach event through the efforts of longtime Brandeis supporter and Women's Studies Research Center board member Elaine Schuster. A recent million-dollar gift from Schuster and her husband, Gerald, created the University's new institute for investigative journalism ("Seeing Daylight," page 5).

Clinton criticized the Bush Administration for lacking vision and leading the country toward sure economic doom.

"I do not see the deep understanding of the future," said Clinton, whose husband, Bill, served as president prior to George W. Bush. "We no longer possess that feeling that tomorrow will be better than today and that today is greater than yesterday."

"We must make incredible sacrifices today to ensure tomorrow. The progress that

moved the 20th century forward is at risk today."

She pointed out that the United States has again become the world's greatest debtor nation, in part because of the war in Iraq.

"The administration thinks we have a giant credit card and the President and the leadership keep charging more and more and more," Clinton said. "The debt won't come down until the next generation takes over."

Clinton downplayed speculation that she will make a run for the White House in three years.

"There are a lot of very capable people on the horizon," she said.

The Rabb Seminar is designed to bring the intellectual richness of Brandeis to the community. Last year's speaker was CNN senior political analyst Bill Schneider, a 1966 graduate of Brandeis.

Past speakers have included New York Times foreign affairs columnist Thomas Friedman, a three-time Pulitzer Prize winner and 1975 Brandeis graduate; University Professor Robert Reich, the U.S. Secretary of Labor under President Clinton, and former Texas governor Ann Richards, a member of the Board of Trustees at Brandeis and former Richman Distinguished Visiting Professor.

The late Norman Rabb of Palm Beach was a founding trustee of Brandeis and served on the Board of Trustees until his death in 1997. His wife, Eleanor, is a life member of the National Women's Committee, which has supported the Brandeis Libraries since it was founded. The School of Summer and Continuing Studies was named in honor of the Rabbs in recognition of their five decades of support for Brandeis.

### A Jewel in the Crown

**Shai Feldman to Lead New Crown Center for Middle East Studies**  
President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, recently announced the appointment of Shai Feldman as director of the new Crown Center for Middle East Studies,

effective February 1, 2005. Feldman, who had been head of the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University, will also hold a faculty position in the politics department.

"The defining goal of the Crown Center is to expand study beyond topics of Arab-Israeli tensions, to include economic development, religion, politics, security,



## Hello, Mr. Chips

### Professor K.C. Hayes, Colleagues Create Healthful Snack Foods

Snackaholics rejoice! Brandeis University biology professor K.C. Hayes and senior research associate Andy Pronczuk at the school's Foster Biomedical Research Laboratory, and senior scientist Daniel Perlman in the physics department have discovered a way to produce chips and other snack foods that can actually lower your cholesterol while you eat them—without having any impact on taste.

"This could have a major impact on public health," said Hayes, who has studied the effect of dietary fats on cholesterol for 35 years. He previously collaborated with Dr. Perlman in creating and patenting the fat blend in Smart Balance, a trans-fat free margarine.

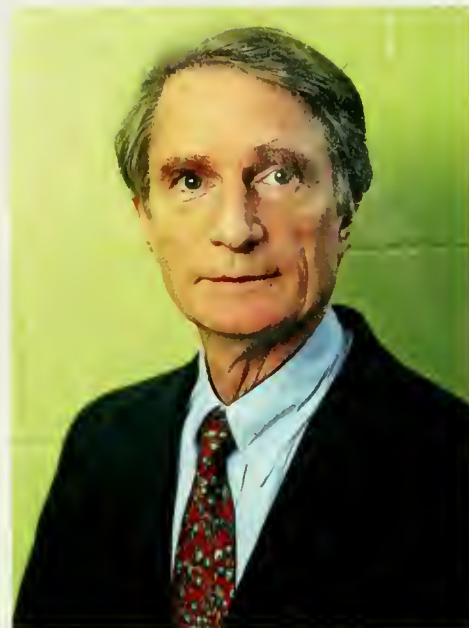
The Brandeis research team found that soybean-derived phytosterols (natural sterols that occur in plants) helped block cholesterol uptake (present in animal fat). When added to the cooking oil used to prepare snack chips and other foods, these natural sterols lowered LDL (the so-called "bad" cholesterol).

In a clinical study chronicled in the American Society for Nutritional Sciences' *Journal of Nutrition*, the Hayes team followed 10 subjects who achieved a 15 percent decrease in their LDL cholesterol and a 10 percent drop in total cholesterol after eating two one-ounce servings of phytosterol-enriched tortilla chips each day over a four-week period. "If you have a really

high cholesterol, LDL would likely decline even more," Hayes said.

While the health benefits of phytosterols have been known for years—both the National Cholesterol Education Program and American Heart Association have recommended the addition of phytosterols to the diet to help reduce cholesterol—their use in everyday foods has been limited to margarines and salad oils, largely for technical reasons of incorporation.

Researchers had failed previously to develop a method to add phytosterols to frying oil to extend their benefit to fried food products, but the Hayes research team discovered that fat-borne phytosterols, after adequate heating and then cooling, recrystallize in a form that effectively blocks cholesterol



K.C. Hayes

absorption. Commercial applications of the research are being protected by patent applications filed by the University.

The benefits of phytosterols could be expanded beyond snack foods, such as french fries and chips, to include breads and cake mixes, according to Hayes.

—David E. Nathan

ethnic relations, and geographic questions in the region," said Reinharz. "I believe no other institution in the United States provides such a breadth of study of the Middle East." He said Feldman will provide strong leadership in creating the Middle East center, which will broaden

scholarship by promoting research encompassing the entire Arab world, Israel, Turkey, and Iran.

Feldman also serves on the Council of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London and is a member of the Board of Directors of Harvard's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs. In 2001-03, he

served as a member of the U.N. Secretary General's Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters. He has been a senior research associate at the Jaffee Center since its establishment in 1977 where he has directed many projects related to U.S.

foreign and defense policies, and regional security and arms control. Feldman received his Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley and is a prolific author.

The opening of the Center is scheduled for April 4-5, 2005.

## A Gift of Vision

### Mandel Center Dedicates New Home

In celebrating the dedication of its new building on November 18, 2004, the Mandel Center for Studies in Jewish Education at Brandeis hosted A Conversation with Visionary Educators, a fitting colloquium for this



Members of the Mandel family, (left to right) Morton, Barbara, and Joe, at a November 18 ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the opening of the center they helped create.

pioneering center dedicated to improving Jewish education by examining the core practices of teaching and learning. The Mandel Center is the first academic institution of its kind. At the ribbon-cutting ceremony in honor of the Mandel family, President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, said that this colloquium was particularly appropriate, because "the Mandels are visionaries."

Receiving a plaque from the University, Morton Mandel lauded Reinharz's "willingness to dream," as well as the hard work of Brandeis Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Peter French, contractor J. Slotnik,

and the staff of the Mandel Foundation. Looking out over the standing-room-only crowd, Mandel said, "One of the things I noticed about today was the faces. This place is filled with intelligent faces...it's really at the core of what the Mandel Foundation projects have achieved." A longtime advocate of Jewish education, Mandel said he sees the center "lighting some of the candles" to counteract the darkness in the world. He paid tribute to the help of his wife, Barbara, and brothers Jack and Joe, and spoke of "the dream of our parents, Simon and Rose Mandel."

Since its founding in 2002, the Mandel Center has been committed to rigorous academic research for the improvement of educational practice. It has produced new information about the cultures of learning in partner schools, and continues researching the process of studying classical texts with a partner—*chavruta*—implementing pluralism in Jewish educational institutions, and exploring the relationship between scholarship and pedagogy in the teaching of Jewish Studies. The Mandel Center has already begun to fulfill its mandate to provide intellectual leadership for a new kind of scholarship in Jewish education.

The speakers at the dedication colloquium were Rabbi Daniel Lehmann, founding headmaster of Gann Academy—The New Jewish High School;

Deborah Meier, teacher, writer, and advocate of public education, recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship, and principal of Mission Hill Elementary School in Boston; and TheodoreSizer, a national leader in education reform, former dean of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and professor of education at Brown University. Sharon Feiman-Nemser, Mandel Professor of Jewish Education and director of the Mandel Center for Studies in Jewish Education introduced the speakers.

The innovative schools founded by Meier and Lehmann break down boundaries between students of different ages and viewpoints, and backgrounds. Meier's Mission Hill School in Boston has 170 students and is located in an economically disadvantaged inner-city neighborhood. Lehmann's Gann Academy is situated in downtown Waltham, has 276 students, and was "incubated," as Lehman puts it, on the Brandeis campus.

According to Meier, students at Mission Hill, where community and intermingling are paramount, stay with their teachers for two years, with children "of seven ages" mixing together. Thus, students are continually surrounded by role models—other children and grown-ups they "can imagine being," she said. The entire school studies the same theme at once; "Who counts in America?" was a recent topic. And whereas many schools operate as though

disagreement is "dangerous for the social peace," Meier makes sure Mission Hill "embraces argument." In fact, teachers and administrators are housed throughout the school so that children can hear how they argue and negotiate—and learn how adults engage.

Lehmann said he delights in his school having "all kinds of Jews in a pluralistic environment." Gann Academy, like Mission Hill, has less hierarchy than traditional schools. Seminars are not "led" by faculty, but encourage students to engage "respectfully but seriously" about Jewish texts and secular issues. Like Mission Hill, Gann unites by wrestling with questions posed to the entire school. A recent dilemma: Should Israel unilaterally pull out of Gaza?

Sizer agreed with Meier and Lehman that schools must be "of a human scale" to engage in a Socratic dialogue, and that such engagement can contribute to "the moral design of our democracy."

In his tribute to the Mandel family and in commenting on the substance of the colloquium, Reinharz said he was proud the Center could "bear the Mandel name." Receiving funding from the Mandel Foundation is a compliment in itself, he noted, because the foundation supports "leaders and visionaries."



## Seeing Daylight

### Pathbreaking Institute in Investigative Journalism Launched

Alarmed by the continuing rise of "infotainment" and sound bite news, two award-winning journalists and undergraduates in the Student-Scholar Partnership Program have launched a groundbreaking institute for investigative journalism at Brandeis.

The Student-Scholar Partnership Program is under the auspices of the Women's Studies Research Center. Florence Graves, a resident scholar in the WSRC since 1996, said four students have begun working with her and Rochelle Sharpe as paid research assistants on projects related to medicine, mental health, and the criminal justice system. One of the initial projects is called "the criminalization of motherhood."

Made possible through a \$1 million gift from WSRC board member Elaine Schuster and her husband Gerald, the new institute is the first of its kind based at a university, according to Graves, who is directing it. As an investigative reporter for the *Washington Post*, Graves broke the sexual misconduct story involving U.S. Senator Bob Packwood (R-OR). She founded *Common Cause* magazine and won the National Magazine Award for General Excellence. Sharpe, the program's first senior fellow, is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist who writes investigative and in-depth stories on social issues for such papers as the *Wall Street Journal*. She won her Pulitzer in the early nineties for a series on hidden homicides in child abuse cases.

Thomas Friedman '75, the three-time Pulitzer Prize winner and foreign affairs columnist for the *New York Times*, praised the new



program at an October 18 reception at the Schusters' home to celebrate the launch. Friedman spent the day on campus, meeting with students. He also addressed a packed Spingold Theater where he spoke about the evolution of terrorism from pre-9/11 to the present.

President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, said that a Louis Brandeis comment—the light of day is the best disinfectant—would be the institute's slogan. Highlights of the program, according to Graves, include:

- The work of the journalists and students will fill an increasing void in the American media, "which are gradually abdicating their role as public watchdogs. This initiative will make a unique contribution not only to the field of journalism, but also to journalism education," according to Graves.
- Reporters, students, and academics will all benefit by having an independent reporting center based at a university.
- Students will get a unique opportunity to work one-on-one with top reporters, while academics will gain more understanding of how the press works and how their academic research can get a larger audience.

**New York Times foreign affairs columnist Thomas Friedman '75, and investigative reporter and WSRC resident scholar Florence Graves meet with students from the journalism program and student journalists on October 18.**

## Alumni's Alumna

### Karen Engelbourg '79 Returns to Brandeis as Assistant V.P. of Alumni and University Relations

Karen Engelbourg '79 has been named assistant vice president of alumni and university relations. "Karen brings 20 years of professional experience to her alma mater," noted Nancy Winship, senior vice president of institutional advancement. Karen worked in the Brandeis development

office as director of development for the New England region from 1985 to 1992, working with alumni, Fellows, and friends of the University.

Karen is married to alumnus Donald Stewart '76. They live in Needham with their two sons, Michael, age 15, and Ian, age 11. Karen and her mother, Charlotte Engelbourg, are both lifetime members of the Brandeis National Women's Committee where Charlotte serves on the Boston chapter board.

Karen came to Brandeis from a position as director of donor relations and principal gifts at Children's Hospital in Boston. Previously, she was director of major gifts at Harvard Medical School.

"I'm thrilled to be back at Brandeis—working with many old friends, making new ones, and helping to strengthen the Alumni Association in the months and years to come," Karen said.



Karen Engelbourg '79

## In Awe of Teaching

### University Recommits to Stressing Vital Role Profession Plays

Ralph Waldo Emerson called teaching, "the perpetual end



and office of all things" and "the main design that shines through the sky and earth."

Less elegantly stated, teaching is the force that drives a university like Brandeis to become great and realize its potential as one of the most highly regarded centers of learning in the world today. Not to say that the research conducted at Brandeis is not incredibly important, as well, but the University as we know it would not exist without teaching and teachers.

The administration has bolstered its resolve to give thanks to the professionals who devote their careers and lives to educating new generations of young men and women at Brandeis. It hosted a special dinner on September 9 in the Faculty

the teaching awards process was expanded on campus to honor four additional faculty members—two each from The Heller School for Social Policy and Management and the Brandeis International Business School.

Additionally, the Office of Communications, the Office of the Dean of Arts and Sciences, and other administrative departments, have begun planning a lasting, tangible tribute to teaching on the Brandeis campus where the names of teaching award recipients will be featured.

The campus-wide expansion of the teaching awards and the new resolve to create a special place on campus to showcase recipients speak to a renewed commitment to applaud teaching and those who teach—wherever and whenever an opportunity arises. That effort is dependent upon the key benefactors who make the awards possible. It also is highlighted by the perpetually high-achieving individuals who use what they've learned at Brandeis to make important, lasting contributions to society at large.

The 2003–04 Arts and Sciences Teaching Awards were presented at a faculty meeting last spring to Thomas King, associate professor of English and American literature, Derek Isaacowitz, assistant professor of psychology, and Olga Broumas, poet-in-residence and director of the creative writing program.

King received the Jeanette Lerman-Neubauer '69 and Joseph Neubauer Prize for Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring. The award

honors exceptional teachers who also have made a presence in the cocurricular and extracurricular life on campus. King embodies the spirit of the award as a teacher, mentor, advisor, and friend to students. Isaacowitz was honored with the Michael L. Walzer '56 Award for Teaching, an award given annually to a tenure-track faculty member who "combines scholarship with inspired teaching."

Broumas was the recipient of the Louis Dembitz Brandeis Prize for Excellence in Teaching. She has published numerous books of poetry including *Rave: Poems 1975–1998*, *Perpetua*, *Sappho's Gymnasium*, *Pastoral Jazz*, and *Restlessness*, and numerous translations of the poetry of Odysseas Elytis including *Eros*, *Eros*, *Eros*; *Open Papers*; and *What I Love*.

Last spring, four other outstanding teachers from The Heller School for Social Policy and Management and the International Business School were honored for their work during 2003–04. Associate Professor Dominic Hodgkin received The Heller School's first annual Teaching Award and Professor Janet Giele was honored with the Mentoring Award. IBS recognized adjunct professors Edward Bayone and Alfonso Canella with teaching awards.

—Dennis Nealon



Club where three of the seven faculty members honored with teaching awards for 2003–04, chosen by subcommittees of the Committee for the Support of Teaching, gave short presentations on what teaching at the University means to them. For 2003–04,



(Above) International Business School Dean Peter Petri and Edward Bayone; (right) Dean of Arts and Sciences Adam Jaffe presents Derek Isaacowitz with his award; (below) Heller School Dean Jack Shonkoff presents award to Janet Giele.



## Change of Guard

### Shonkoff Stepping Down as Heller Dean after Remarkable Tenure

Characterizing it as both a "very difficult" and "very easy" decision, Jack Shonkoff resigned as dean of the Heller School for Social Policy and Management after a wildly successful 11-year run that saw the school reach the no. 3 spot in national rankings.

Shonkoff, who will remain as a tenured member of the Heller faculty, is stepping down to focus his attention on the recently established National Scientific Council on the Developing Child, which he chairs. The Council has received more than \$1 million in grant

support, including \$750,000 from the MacArthur Foundation.

"In many ways this was both a very difficult and very easy decision," said Shonkoff.

"The difficulty is related to my deep commitment to what Heller and its people are all about. The easy part is that I feel an irresistible calling to focus all of my energies on advancing the healthy development of young children."

Shonkoff signed a five-year extension to remain as Heller's dean last spring, but felt he needed to return full time to his lifelong passion for early childhood policy. He will step down effective August 31.

"Over the last few years, I've had several opportunities to have greater impact on

the well-being of children in the United States and internationally," he said.

"Things finally got to a point where I could no longer resist."

Under Shonkoff's stewardship, Heller rose to the third spot in the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings of the best graduate schools for social policy. He also was instrumental in raising almost \$38 million, including \$23 million for a new building whose groundbreaking is imminent.

Shonkoff listed building greater cohesion among Heller's independent research centers and education programs; establishing new master's



Jack Shonkoff

programs; strengthening the school's international dimension; building an extraordinary Board of Overseers; galvanizing greater alumni engagement; and expanding Heller's involvement in undergraduate education as his greatest accomplishments.

Officials hope to have a new dean in place by September 1.

## Vision Rewarded

### Professor Among First NIH Director's Pioneer Award Recipients

Larry Abbott, Ph.D. '77, Brandeis professor of neuroscience, has been selected by The National Institutes of Health (NIH) as one of the first recipients of the NIH Director's Pioneer Award. The award is designed to support individual scientists and thinkers with highly innovative ideas and approaches to contemporary challenges in biomedical research.

To inaugurate this new program, the NIH will provide \$500,000 in direct costs per year for five years to each Pioneer Award recipient, allowing them the time and resources to test far-ranging ideas with the potential for extraordinary contributions to medical science.

The Director's Pioneer Award was established in January 2004. The nine recipients represent a broad spectrum of scientific disciplines including quantitative

and mathematical biology, pathogenesis, epidemiology and translational clinical research, molecular and cellular biology, integrative physiology, instrumentation, and bioengineering.

Abbott received his Ph.D. in physics from Brandeis University in 1977. After a 10-year career in theoretical particle physics, he switched his research interests to the mathematical modeling

and analysis of neurons and neural networks. His research involves using analytic techniques and computer simulation to study the electrical characteristics of single neurons, to determine how neurons interact to produce functioning neural circuits, and to investigate how large populations of neurons represent, store, and process information. He is the author of numerous research articles in particle physics and neuroscience, as well as a widely used textbook on theoretical neuroscience.

## New Faculty

### American Studies

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Lecturer  
*Ph.D., Columbia University*

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Lecturer  
*Ph.D., University of Chicago*

**Charles Golden**

Assistant Professor  
*Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania*

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*Ph.D., Brandeis University '04*

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**Bradley Solmsen**

Lecturer  
*B.A., Vassar College*

### Mathematics

**Virgil Pierce**

Lecturer in Mathematics  
*Ph.D., University of Arizona*

**Lassina Dembele**

Lecturer in Mathematics  
*Ph.D., McGill University*

### Music

**Curtis Hughes**

Lecturer in Music  
*M.Mus., New England Conservatory*

### Near Eastern and Judaic Studies

**Kecia Ali**

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow and Lecturer in Islamic Studies and Women's Studies  
*Ph.D., Duke University*

**Jeffrey Stackert**

Lecturer  
*M.T.S., Boston University*

**Guy Antebi**

Lecturer in Hebrew  
*M.S.W., University of Alabama*

**Esther Carmel-Hakim**

Lecturer  
*Ph.D., University of Haifa*

**Natana DeLong-Bas**

Lecturer  
*Ph.D., Georgetown University*

### Philosophy

**Tracy Edwards**

Allen Berenson Visiting Assistant Professor in Philosophy and Women's Studies  
*Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison*

### Politics

**Daniel Kryder**

Associate Professor  
*Ph.D. New School for Social Research*

### Psychology

**Thilo Deckersbach**

Lecturer in Psychology  
*Ph.D., University of Marburg*

## Faculty on the Move

*The following professors (in the tenure structure) were promoted recently.*

**ChaeRan Freeze**

Associate Professor of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies

**Leslie Griffith**

Professor of Biology

**Reuven Kimelman**

Professor of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies

**Dmitry Kleinbock**

Associate Professor of Mathematics

**John Plotz**

Associate Professor of English and American Literature

**Michael Willrich**

Associate Professor of History



## Breaking in New Genes

### Research Team Receives Prestigious National Science Foundation Award to Probe Enduring Biological Mystery

When Charles Darwin proposed his model for the evolution of species, he assumed that a species evolved by gradually accumulating practical mutations, resulting in progressive adaptations through successive generations, more commonly called natural selection. In this era of extensive genome sequencing we now know what Darwin could not: as many as a quarter of all genes in many organisms were acquired not through a process of continuous inheritance across generations, but through the transfer of DNA between unrelated organisms. Thus, in addition to the gradual process envisioned by Darwin, evolution can also proceed quickly, requiring an individual organism to rapidly adjust to newfound capabilities and functions.

But how do organisms adapt to newly acquired genes?

To tackle this question, Brandeis scientists Gregory Petsko and Dagmar Ringe were awarded one of six Frontiers in Integrative

Biological Research (FIBR) awards from the National Science Foundation (NSF). Totalling nearly \$30 million, the awards bring together scientists from many areas of biology and other fields to draw upon advances in areas such as genomics, ecology, and enhanced information technology, and to address significant understudied or unanswered questions in biology.

Petsko and Ringe will lead an interdisciplinary team of microbial geneticists and physiologists, molecular biologists, enzymologists and structural biologists, and experts in systems biology and bioinformatics to study the processes by which organisms adapt to newly acquired genes. The six FIBR projects integrate varied expertise from several universities and research institutes. They support dozens of investigators from 15 states and also involve scientists supported by several other countries.

The process of acquiring DNA from an unrelated source, called "gene capture" or horizontal gene transfer, can even involve whole sets of genes moving from one organism to another. Gene capture is what enables drug resistance to spread rapidly from one bacterial population to another, causing a harmless species to suddenly become pathogenic to humans. It also allows an organism to suddenly thrive in a new environment or in the



Brandeis scientist  
Dagmar Ringe

presence of a toxin. This same mechanism performed in the lab (then called "genetic engineering") is used to create microbes that eat pollutants or produce useful materials.

The process of gene capture poses fundamental biological questions that this project will attempt to answer. How does an organism react when a new, fully functioning enzyme or pathway is suddenly introduced? What aspects of its own genetic machinery does the organism change to accommodate the new chemistry that it can now carry out? How does the organism learn to control the new genes and modify them so that they function optimally in their new host?

The project will lead to fundamental new information on how living cells adapt and evolve, as well as information that may lead to the engineering of microbes with new capabilities for industrial and environmental uses.



Brandeis scientist  
Gregory Petsko

## Virtual Cabby

### Research Taking Brandeis Lab on Road to Potential Breakthroughs

You can't hail a cab from inside Robert Sekuler's lab, but if you were helping with his research you'd likely get a shot at driving one through a make-believe town. Suffice to say that taxis and their drivers intrigue Sekuler, professor of cognitive neuroscience and the Frances and Louis

Salvage Professor of Psychology at Brandeis. The lab's focus on visual memory—how what we see is interpreted in the brain—recently helped it land an additional \$980,000 in federal grant money.

The award stems from the lab's role in a larger research effort involving Sekuler's Visual Cognition Laboratory, within the

Volen Center for Complex Systems at Brandeis, and CELEST (the Center for Excellence in Science, Education and Technology). CELEST is a consortium of Boston University, Brandeis, MIT, and University of Pennsylvania scientists. The nearly \$1 million to Sekuler's lab is part of a \$20.1 million grant award in October to CELEST by the National Science Foundation. The award has served to accelerate Sekuler's visual memory research at Brandeis.

"I believe we're on the threshold of major breakthroughs in this important field," Sekuler said after the latest grant announcement, "thanks in part to developments in technology for capturing and quantifying imitative behaviors, and to an improved understanding of the neural circuitry that is essential for imitation and imitation learning."

Throughout his career, Sekuler has worked to understand vision and visual memory. Most recently he has focused on how people learn to get around their environment. A simulation of a taxi-driving task currently occupies center stage in his lab. Using interactive computer displays, subjects drive a cab through a virtual town, travel through unfamiliar places, and eventually pick up a passenger.

While the driver tries to navigate via novel routes, Sekuler and his students get insights into how people learn new ways of using information in visual memory to guide their actions. "We find that as you build up your memory of a town's layout and landmarks, some things that you see stick, but other things are more fragile. We are trying to find out why some people get lost in our little virtual town, while others have no trouble at all. The virtual cab driving work is being done in



Robert Sekuler

### Plotting a New Course

#### HSSP Receives NIH Grant to Design Cutting-Edge Undergraduate Curriculum

The Health Science, Society, and Policy Program at Brandeis University has received a grant from the National Institutes of Health to support faculty as they develop new courses, curricula, and educational approaches for the sciences. The goal is to help students become interdisciplinary



## Celebrity Roster

collaboration with Michael Kahana, formerly at Brandeis and now at the University of Pennsylvania, and Brandeis undergraduate Jeremy Manning.

As Sekuler puts it, "If we can identify what helps people to become 'expert imitators,' we could transfer this knowledge to help teach skills more effectively, including to people who are far from expert. Our work is likely to be applicable to people who have suffered strokes and need to relearn specific daily tasks."

Sekuler adds, "One of the great features of this new grant award is that it offers incredible opportunities for Brandeis students to continue to be involved in cutting edge research. Neuroscience graduate student Yigal Agam is working with me on these experiments, and several undergraduates are carrying out closely related projects in my lab.

### **Singer Judy Collins, Geraldine Ferraro Among Activists Named to Women's Studies Board**

The Women Studies Program at Brandeis has formed an advisory council of feminist activists and scholars from many fields who will help the program set its direction for the future. Initiated by Letty Cottin Pogrebin '59, and the Women's Studies Program Board, the council will help the program broaden its reach and effectiveness, particularly around pressing social problems.

The council reads like a *Who's Who* of women leaders. Members include anthropologist Mary Catherine Bateson; women's studies scholar Evelyn Torton Beck; political leader Carol Moseley Braun;

reproductive health expert Ellen Chesler; singer Judy Collins; sociologist Patricia Hill Collins '69, Ph.D. '84; playwright Eve Ensler; vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro; psychology professor Carol Gilligan; Israeli peace activist Galia Golan '60; national columnist Ellen Goodman; Jewish Orthodox feminist Blu Greenberg; Harvard historian of science Evelyn Hammonds; novelist Gish Jen; historian Gerda Lerner; scholar-poets Shirley Geok-Lin Lim, Ph.D. '73, and Alica S. Ostriker '59; former Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder; activist Gloria Steinem; playwright Wendy Wasserstein; and legal scholar Patricia J. Williams.

The Women's Studies Program at Brandeis offers joint master's degrees with nine different programs as well as an undergraduate major and minor. Susan Lanser, professor of

English and comparative literature, has chaired Women's Studies since 2001. "Strengthening our program is truly a collaborative effort inside and outside the University," she said.

"I anticipate that the council will guide us to think more boldly, critically, and creatively about today's toughest problems, and will show our students the many pathways through which feminists can lead. Women's studies, after all, has a mission to repair the world. We are successful to the extent that we advance the goals of justice and equality for all people."

scientists in the emerging areas of biomedical, behavioral, and quantitative sciences.

The grant comes from NIH's Roadmap Curriculum Development in Interdisciplinary Research Awards Program. With the three-year award, HSSP will develop courses, expand internships for students, and create a team-taught capstone seminar for undergraduate seniors majoring in HSSP.

"Our challenge is to build on Brandeis's strengths in the life sciences, social sciences, and health policy studies," said Dr. Elizabeth Goodman, professor of child and adolescent health at The Heller School for Social Policy and Management. Many scientists believe that an interdisciplinary approach to their research will yield the most rewarding results. HSSP encourages faculty

from diverse departments to pool their strengths and approach problems and the courses they teach from fresh viewpoints.

"This grant will help HSSP build a model undergraduate program for students interested in studying not only the biology of disease, but the complex interplay of the social, economic, and political determinants of health," said Dr. Goodman. "We want our graduates to break down the traditional

disciplinary boundaries that inhibit innovative approaches to today's major health problems."

HSSP was launched in preliminary form last year, with strong student interest. There are more than 60 students majoring in HSSP at Brandeis, and enrollment is climbing.

## A Long Way from Home

### Rexhepi in Starring Role

Forgive Florian Rexhepi if the "war" under the boards doesn't really feel like a war, and the "battle" for a loose ball hardly resembles a battle. You see, the Brandeis University



Florian Rexhepi bringing up the ball

freshman men's basketball player knows all about real wars and battles.

In 1999, the native of Skopje, Macedonia, lost his grandmother when a stray bomb hit the bus she was riding in while traveling from the Kosovo region of Serbia to Macedonia. As a member of the Albanian minority in Skopje, Rexhepi often fought with gangs of Macedonian youth. He routinely heard gunfire from the window of his family's apartment.

"It's post-conflict so it's better now, but it still hasn't all calmed down," the 19-year-old said. "People are finally realizing that all the different people in Skopje have lived together (in relative harmony) for a long time."

Sports, particularly basketball, kept Rexhepi out of trouble. He joined a prestigious basketball academy at age 12 after impressing the coaches with his ability to make a layup with either hand, a skill he developed while shooting off a window in his apartment.

"Where I come from, kids aren't concentrating on school," said Rexhepi, whose English has only the slightest hint of an accent. "There's a lot of drugs, alcohol, and partying. It seems not a lot of people there see their future as school. For me, basketball kept me away from other things."

Rexhepi started his first season at Brandeis slowly, in part because he missed three weeks of preseason

drills with a pulled groin, but has come on strongly. He led the team in scoring during the last three games of a five-game winning streak just before break, earning himself a spot in the starting lineup when the players returned.

Rexhepi showed Coach Brian Meehan's faith in him was justified when the six-foot guard struck for a game-high 27 points, including 12-for-12 shooting from the foul line, and grabbed eight rebounds to help the Judges erase an 18-point deficit in a stirring win over New York University. He has emerged as the leader of a talented freshman class.

"This kid has been through so much, there's nothing that will happen on the basketball court that will rattle him," Meehan said. "He's getting better and better every game."

Rexhepi took a circuitous route to Brandeis, using his considerable basketball prowess and a fierce determination to make a better life for himself and his people back home to finance the lengthy journey.

After spending time in the summer of 2001 in Maine as part of the Seeds of Peace international coexistence program, he accepted an invitation to enroll at St. Johnsbury Academy in Vermont. He spent two productive years there—improving his English, developing proper study habits, and becoming a standout basketball player—but the transition was not easy.

"The first week in Vermont I couldn't sleep because it was so quiet," Rexhepi said. "It was hard to leave my family and friends. It was hard waking up and not seeing them. At first, it was a struggle in class. I had to start concentrating in school."

His play on the court attracted the attention of the coaches at Phillips Exeter Academy, and he was offered a scholarship to the prestigious New Hampshire prep school for a post-graduate year. He averaged 17 points, 5 assists, 5 rebounds, and 2 steals a game against high-level competition.

Some Division I schools, most notably Columbia and Lafayette, expressed interest in having Rexhepi play for them, but their interest eventually waned—much to the delight of Meehan.

"We just hung in there and hung in there and eventually got him to come down for a visit," Meehan said. "He wasn't hung up on which division he would play. He is focused on getting an education that will allow him to go home and change things there."

Rexhepi is enjoying his time at Brandeis—on the court and off. He is taking advantage of an opportunity he would not have gotten had he stayed in Macedonia.

"I didn't come here to get away from somewhere," he said. "I came here to get somewhere."

—David E. Nathan



## Art-Warming Benevolence

### Brandeis Announces \$10 Million Gift for New Arts Center

Brandeis University has received a \$10 million commitment to help build the Edmond J. Safra Center for the Arts. The gift is the inspiration of the Edmond J. Safra Philanthropic Foundation, created by the late Mr. Safra.

"I have always admired the central place given to the arts within Brandeis's

educational mission," said Safra's wife, Lily, who chairs the Safra Foundation. "My hope is the new arts center will enable the University to continue to attract the most talented faculty and students."

The new building would roughly triple the space currently available for fine arts, including art history, painting, and sculpture.

"This is an exciting new era for the arts at Brandeis, and this building will be a symbol of the University's pioneering vision of the arts in the 21st century," said Scott Edmiston, director of the Office of the Arts.

"Our goal is to become a research university for the arts, committed to innovation and exploration and providing leadership for the changing role of art in our society. We believe that the arts are essential to motivate and inspire creative thinking for all Brandeis students."

Interest in the arts among Brandeis undergraduate and graduate students is strong and growing. The number of undergraduates majoring in fine arts has increased by 50 percent in the past five

years. Each year, more than 1,000 Brandeis students participate in fine arts classes, and another 1,000 in music and theater arts. Brandeis also has active graduate programs in the arts, including a post-baccalaureate program in studio arts, which will be a major beneficiary of the new studio space in the Safra Center.

—Beverly Freeman

## High Honors

### Alumnus Given President's Award

David Goldberg, M.A. JCS '92, has been awarded one of the most prestigious awards in the field of Jewish education: the President's (of Israel) Award. It is given annually to four outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to the Jewish community. Goldberg is director of Israel Experience for the UJIA (United Jewish Israel Appeal) of the United Kingdom. His award is in recognition of how, through the years of the Intifada, he developed the UK's Israel programs with sensitivity to security concerns and

to the educational impact of these experiences. As a result of his energetic and thoughtful efforts, the UK maintained participation in these powerful educational programs even while participation from other Diaspora communities dwindled.

Goldberg did his graduate work at the Hornstein Program in Jewish Communal Service at Brandeis University after receiving his undergraduate degree from Thames Polytechnic in 1989, majoring in youth and community studies. Prior to his studies at Brandeis, he worked as a youth and community worker in North East London where he organized Jewish

educational activities and programs for young people aged 13–20, including seminars exploring Jewish identity, festivals, Jewish values, anti-Semitism, the Holocaust, Israel, and Zionism.

This prestigious award was presented to the recipients by the President of Israel in a ceremony in Israel in February 2005. In addition to Goldberg, the other honorees are Dr. Alvin Schiff, former executive director of the Board of Jewish Education of New York and former chair of

the Hornstein Program's Professional Advisory Committee; Professor Sara Lee, director, Rhea Hirsch School of Jewish Education, Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles; and a Jewish educator from Moscow.

David and his wife, Nicky Goldman, director, human resources at UJIA Balfour House, entered the Hornstein Program together in 1990, both receiving their masters' in Jewish communal service. They returned to London, where they reside with their two children, to serve as professionals in the Jewish community.

## The Longest Yard

### Benny Friedman Makes Hall of Fame

Some called it a longshot, but when the Pro Football Hall of Fame announced its 2005 inductees, Benny Friedman gained immortality as one of

four giants picked for enshrinement.

Friedman, who popularized the forward pass, and Dan Marino, the most prolific passer in pro football history, were chosen with Steve

A two-time All-American as a collegian at the University of Michigan, Friedman played for the Cleveland Bulldogs, Detroit Wolverines, New York Giants, and Brooklyn Dodgers in a National Football League career that stretched from 1927–34. He was so popular that the Giants purchased the entire Detroit team to acquire Friedman in 1929, and then signed him to a league-high \$10,000 contract.

Friedman, who died in 1982 at the age of 77, twice passed for more than 1,500 yards in a season—an unheard of total for that era. In 1928, he was truly Michael Vickian, leading the NFL in both rushing touchdowns and passing TDs.

"There are those who say Friedman is the greatest passer of all time," legendary Notre Dame coach Knute Rockne once said of the College Football Hall of Famer. "They are not far wrong. He could hit a dime at 40 yards; besides being a great passer, he hit the line, tackled, blocked, and did everything—no mere specialty man—that a fine football player should do."

At Brandeis, Friedman served as football coach from 1950 until the program was disbanded after the 1959 season. He doubled

as athletic director and was known as a fundraiser without peer. Friedman was inducted into the inaugural class of the Brandeis Athletic Hall of Fame in 1993.

"Benny Friedman's hope was to make Brandeis the Jewish Notre Dame of college football," said Ed Manganiello '54, a two-time captain under Friedman.

Manganiello remembers his coach was in such good physical condition even in his late 40s that he would pose as the upcoming opponent's quarterback during practice.

"He was a magnificent physical specimen," Manganiello said. "When we came here, we thought he was a player, not a coach."

Friedman was a demanding coach, yet he had a softer side. "The boys he brought here, he made sure to take care of them," said Bob Weintraub '55, who served as manager of the football team.

The players heard little about Friedman's exploits as a collegian or in the NFL. "We never knew how good he was as a player because he never said a word about it," Weintraub said.

Weintraub recently sent a letter to each of the 39 Pro Football Hall of Fame voters to generate support for Friedman's candidacy.



Benny Friedman with Brandeis players in the 1950s

Young and Fritz Pollard, who was not only the first African-American coach in the NFL but was also a superb player.

They will officially enter the Hall next summer.

There were 15 nominees this year. The Hall of Fame announced the four inductees at a noon press conference on February 5.

Friedman was a pro star in the 1920s and '30s, and later became football coach and athletic director at Brandeis.



## Encore

### Eric Chasalow Receives ASCAP Award

For the second straight year, Eric Chasalow, professor of music composition and director of the Brandeis Electro-Acoustic Music Studio (BEAMS), has won the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP) Award. The award will help him to continue his revolutionary work with electronic music.

The recipients were selected by an independent panel that included industry professionals, critics, and scholars. The award is based on the prestige of an artist's existing catalog, as well as recent performances and works in progress.

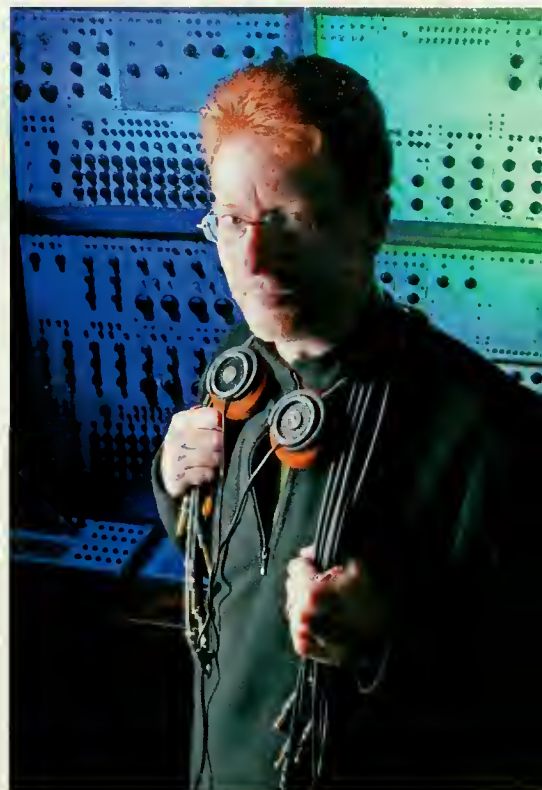
Chasalow is a highly accomplished composer and audio archivist. He received his D.M.A. from Columbia University in

1985 where he studied under Harvey Sollberger and Mario Davidovsky. He began his work with modern classical compositions and traditional orchestrations, but has since moved into using synthesizers and recorded sounds to create experimental electronic pieces that range from post-bop jazz to avant-garde soundscapes. He holds awards from, among others, the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, Fromm Foundation at Harvard University, New York Foundation for the Arts, and the American Academy of Arts and Letters, with particular recognition for his works that combine live soloists with electronic sounds. His work is frequently performed all over the world

and is available on CD from New World Records, ICMC, SEAMUS, and RRRRecords. He was formerly executive director of the Guild of Composers, for whom he produced several seasons of concerts in New York City and a nationally distributed series of radio programs called "Composers in Concert," and has served as executive director of Music Alliance, an organization dedicated to improving the climate for the art of music in America through education and active public involvement.

At Brandeis, Chasalow specializes in music composition and electronic and computer-based music. He was formerly chair of the music department and is currently the director of BEAMS, a cutting-edge studio that combines digital synthesis and recording

Eric Chasalow



equipment, multimedia, and computer video to explore new musical forms and the role of technology in audible arrangement.

—Jennifer Goldberg '06

## First Class Members



**BUNWC Academy Welcomes First Class**  
Twenty-three National Women's Committee members participated in the first BUNWC Academy, held on the Brandeis campus last fall. Participants came from all over the country for a two-day immersion in Brandeis University culture, academics, and research, as well as the National Women's Committee mission and operations. The program was designed to develop a new generation of leaders for the organization.

## 'Desperate' Alumnus

### Yet Another Brandeis Grad in Primetime

Count Brandeis graduate Steven Culp among those surprised that ABC's racy *Desperate Housewives* has become a smash hit on television.



Steven Culp on the set of *Desperate Housewives*

"I thought we would be too weird for broadcast TV and not edgy enough for cable," Culp, who plays Rex Van De Kamp, said in a recent phone interview from his home in Southern California. "I thought we'd be a really well-reviewed cult hit and be out of it after a year."

The first-year series was scheduled to air through the fall of the 2004-05 TV season, but the antics of the folks on Wisteria Lane have made *Desperate Housewives* the second most popular show on TV after *CSI*. The show recently won the award for best new drama series at the 31st annual People's Choice Awards.

For the 49-year-old Culp, who trained as an actor at Brandeis, graduating with a master's of fine arts degree in 1981 and spending a year as an artist-in-residence, the nighttime soap opera has served as a great professional challenge.

"It's a lot of fun, but it's a different animal than anything else I've ever done on camera," Culp said. "Some of the behavior is so close to the bone that you need an outside eye to review you. Sometimes when you feel it's not going well at all, it's really going well. We're all on a learning curve trying to capture the tone."

*Housewives* is already being compared to primetime serials such as 1980s hit *Dallas* and *Melrose Place* in the 1990s. Culp thinks he knows the secret to the show's success.

"As far out as we get, there are things people can relate to on the show," he said. "It's really intriguing week to week. People I talk to are really addicted to it. Marc Cherry (the show's producer and creator) has a strong vision."

Culp nearly wasn't part of the *Housewives* phenomenon. He almost turned down the chance to audition, and then left his reading early because he thought it was going so poorly.

"I hesitated about going for it because I knew it was a women's show and the husbands were subsidiary, but the writing was wonderful," Culp said.

When he finally agreed to the audition, he almost wished he hadn't. "I walked out of the first audition," he said. "I stopped in the middle and realized I was lost and left. Then the next day my manager calls me and says, 'They loved you!'"

While his wife, Barbara, enjoys *Housewives*, Culp's 3-year-old twins, Joe and Katie, won't be seeing it in the near future. "They're never going to watch this show—never," he said with a laugh.

Culp has fond memories of the three years he spent at Brandeis. After earning his degree, he accepted an invitation to stay on as an artist-in-residence. Culp

taught a beginning acting class and had the title role in a play called *Butley*.

"It was a great year to put together everything I'd been taught over the past couple of years," Culp recalled. "We went to the castle every day and worked into the night and came back. It was an intense time."

Culp realized how valuable his years at Brandeis were after he landed a role in the long-running daytime soap *Another World*.

"I thought, national TV is nothing, I had three years of Ted Kananoff (former Brandeis professor)," Culp joked. "He formed the basis of how I work. Ted was the guy, he was the man."

Culp gained national prominence with the 2000 release of *Thirteen Days*, which costarred Kevin Costner and Bruce Greenwood. Culp received critical acclaim for his portrayal of Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy during the two-week Cuban missile crisis in October 1962.

—David E. Nathan

## Making a Career of Careers

### New Director for Hiatt Center

Martin G. Ford has joined the Division of Students and Enrollment as director of the Hiatt Career Center.

"Marty arrives at Brandeis with more than 27 years of related experience, including over 15 years dedicated to designing, developing, and managing

experiential learning and career services operations," said Jean Eddy, senior vice president for students and enrollment.

Ford recently served as dean of cooperative education and career services at Drexel University in Philadelphia, and as director of the Career and Internship Center at the University of the Pacific in Stockton,



## Mastering the Art of Teaching

### Roosevelt Heads New Master's Program

I like to think that inventing an education fit for democracy is an open question that we haven't answered, a challenge that I'm committed to," Dirck Roosevelt says. The new director of the Master of Arts in Teaching Program is dressed in black, sitting in his sun-flooded office in the new Abraham Shapiro Academic Building. Roosevelt's primary task will be fleshing out the graduate-level public elementary education teaching program: shaping its curriculum, getting it staffed, and recruiting its students.

Teaching, Roosevelt is convinced, is a life- and society-changing profession. It fundamentally influences children's conduct and thinking. "And that's a morally charged agenda if there ever was one," Roosevelt believes that teacher education can raise teachers' consciousness so that they can take

responsibility for the fact that their actions are morally consequential.

"People who begin a career in teaching ought to start out having earned a sense that they have the intellectual and moral authority to make decisions in their teaching," Roosevelt says. Instead, teaching is all too often seen "as an essentially technical activity largely comprised of following customs and routines established by mandates and directives from on high," from, for example, research universities or departments of higher education. This approach, Roosevelt believes, "fails to build capacity."

Teaching should be all about customization and context. To succeed, teachers must understand what it means to teach their particular content, and they must know their students well, know them "as thinkers and learners."

These are formidable goals in contemporary classrooms, especially given the estimate that half of all teachers leave the profession between three to five years after receiving

their initial teaching license. Others teach briefly in a "difficult" school then "migrate," going, say, from a Boston school to a middle-class or upper-middle-class school in a suburb. Thus, among the pressing needs in American higher education are the need to graduate more well-prepared teachers and to get those teachers to remain in the schools where they are needed the most.

"We are very excited that Dirck Roosevelt has joined the Brandeis Teacher Education Program," says Marya R. Levenson '64, Professor of the Practice of Education and Harry S. Levitan Director of Teacher Education. "He brings us experience as director of teacher education at the University of Michigan and principal of an elementary school, as well as scholarship and deep understanding about teaching and its connections with student learning. I am pleased to have him as a colleague, and know that



his intellectual leadership and teaching will attract students to our new Master of Arts in Teaching: Public Elementary Program."

Roosevelt was graduated from Middlebury College, then was a teacher and principal at the Prospect School in Vermont. He went to Michigan State University in the 1990s to do his doctoral work, then joined the faculty at the University of Michigan, remaining there until last summer. He finds Brandeis full of "fabulous people," like Levenson and his old Michigan State colleague, Mandel Professor of Jewish Education Sharon Feiman-Nemser.

—Steve Anable

California. Prior to that, he was director of career planning and placement at Johnson College in Johnson, Vermont.

"I welcome the opportunity to upgrade the services we provide to students, faculty, and alumni," Ford said. "I am excited to work with such an extremely bright, articulate group of students, distinguished faculty, and dedicated, committed alumni."

Ford plans to establish closer connections between the Hiatt Career Center and the academic community at Brandeis, bringing about new networking opportunities and enhancing Hiatt's ability to serve students, faculty, and alumni—what Ford calls the internal and external "partners" of the University.

"As a first step toward achieving this goal, we're going to assign Hiatt staff to particular academic areas to work with faculty and students from those areas," Ford said.

Throughout his career in higher education, Ford has worked with countless students, employers, faculty, staff, and alumni. "His involvement and

collaborative style have afforded him the opportunity to work in areas such as judicial affairs, student activities, community service, athletics, and financial aid. Within the arena of career services, his efforts have led to numerous joint programming events with alumni affairs, which is sure to serve him well in his post at Brandeis," Eddy said.

# A Prescription for Service

**Currently heading an international organization  
that provides volunteer doctors to one of Uganda's most  
impoverished regions, this alumna's young life has demonstrated  
a continual commitment to social activism.**

by Marjorie Lyon



**T**ell Rebecca Wolf '02 that you are moving to San Francisco and don't know anyone there, and she just might fix you up with some new friends and even a new boss. A self-described "connector"—yes, she is bubbly, outgoing, talkative, and warm—she networks on a grand scale, marshaling this energy and appreciation of people to fuel her passion: social action. It is a splendid combination.

"I think that everybody has something interesting to offer the world or something to say or some interesting experience, and so I love meeting new people and talking to them. I think that the purpose of my life is to try to help other people," she says. There is enthusiasm and compassion, and then there is enthusiasm and compassion combined with effective action. When Wolf gets involved—she is a born multitasker—things happen.

Now the director of Helping Hands Medical Fellowship in Israel, Wolf works to bring international medical staff to Uganda to volunteer in the Namuwongo Zone B community and at Kairos Medical Center, a local clinic. She is using her natural networking ability to improve the health of the poverty-stricken region. While in Israel recruiting physicians with the help of the Israeli Medical Association, Wolf is also recruiting volunteers for Brit Olam, a movement that aims to unite Israeli and American Jews through international service work.

The goal of Helping Hands is to send Israeli doctors to Namuwongo to join forces with Ugandan physicians and educate and treat people living in the impoverished community. Particular care will go towards those suffering from HIV/AIDS, among other severe illnesses. It is hoped that Helping Hands will serve as a catalyst for wider-scale development, building stronger relationships throughout the international community.



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Helping Hands is part of Project Namuwongo Zone B (PNZB), working to improve living conditions in Uganda. Created in August 2003, PNZB is a sustainable development and rapid needs relief program based in Washington, D.C., with a staff in Kampala, Uganda. PNZB's goal is to work with a team of international colleagues to provide desperately needed education, medication, and nutrition, as well as a sustainable social support system for the population of poor and sick people living in sector Zone B of Namuwongo.

Namuwongo is located in the Bukasa parish within the Makindye division of Kampala, the capital city of Uganda. The community is at the edge of the city, near the Uganda industrial base, and is adjacent to the former government-owned Coffee Marketing Board (CMB) that once employed more than 2,000 casual laborers from Namuwongo. The laborers were laid off in the 1990s during Uganda's privatization and restructuring program.

Devoid of a stable income, many of the laborers were forced to settle in the impoverished area of Namuwongo.

A psychology major at Brandeis, Wolf thought she would go into research or private practice, but midway through college an internship at the Center for Massachusetts Health Services Research changed her life. Her mentor there talked about the difficulties in the health care system for doctors and psychologists, and Wolf decided to earn a B.A. in psychology with emphasis in law, medicine, and health policy. Her goal was to study public health, epidemiology, and health education and apply it to work in prevention and education.

An extended stay in Israel after she graduated left Wolf with a gut feeling that she would go back. She spent nine months participating in Project Otzma, a community service program that

gives groups of Americans in their early twenties an opportunity to become immersed in Israeli culture while volunteering. Wolf learned Hebrew while spending most of her time in a small community, an hour from Tel Aviv, working with children. In a second location, Wolf taught English at schools, and worked with the elderly in a day care program, and with children in an after-school program. She also spent three weeks in Jerusalem studying at the Yeshiva and two months volunteering at a youth village for children who come from difficult family backgrounds. Volunteers lived in a college campus-like setting and it was there that her desire to return was born. "It caused me to develop a real appreciation for, and connection to, Israel," says Wolf.

She returned to the United States and settled in Washington, D.C., where she worked as a youth advocate at N Street Village, a homeless shelter for women and low income housing for families. Wolf had a personal interest



in participating in service projects for kids. Another volunteer told her about collecting shoes and sending them to Uganda for children with bare feet. That was a perfect way to get children involved, thought Wolf. "I went around the neighborhood with one of the kids, hanging up signs describing the Bare Feet Shoe Collection Program and how the children in Uganda don't have shoes. We said we would be in the neighborhood on Sunday between noon and two, and if you want to donate shoes you can just leave them out. And I think because we made it so easy for people, we ended up collecting 88 pairs of shoes," explains Wolf.

Wolf made it a learning project as well. Every Wednesday evening she established "kids night," when she invited kids to her apartment for dinner and some kind of activity—games, music, or a guest artist. When Wolf invited Jeremy Goldberg, cofounder and executive director of Project Namuwongo Zone B to talk to her kids

about Africa after dinner, she got the children involved by looking at maps of Uganda and drawing pictures of their perception of problems in the world and how to fix them.

These drawings became a book, *Healing the World through Children's Eyes*. "I have included the work of all the children in my group and have branched out to other youth groups in the D.C. area as well as Ugandan youth," explains Wolf, adding that they have also become pen pals with kids in Uganda.

When Goldberg told Wolf about an Israeli doctor he knew who was volunteering in Uganda, Wolf volunteered to recruit more Israeli doctors the next time she was there. Now she is completely immersed. Goldberg describes her this way: "A self-started and dedicated young leader, Rebecca is the driving force behind one of our most important initiatives, the Helping Hands program. Her ambition and optimism is contagious, and I am privileged to work with her."

During two weeks in Uganda last June, Wolf worked with the women there to create Craft for Change, a project dedicated to selling handmade goods—woven baskets, rugs, embroidery, and clothing—online. In this impoverished community, Wolf says she was overwhelmed at the amount of work to be done, but was buoyed by the resilience of the people and the hope that she could have a positive impact.

Growing up in Phoenix, Arizona, with a sister five years her junior, a mother who is a child psychologist and father who is an attorney, Wolf was immersed in an environment permeated with social justice. Her father's extensive social action work included saving Jews trapped in Yemen in the 1980s. Her mother was very involved with their synagogue and with social justice projects. It was a household





that appreciated their good fortune and gave back. "It gave me a sense of responsibility—I was born into so many privileges, a supportive family, and I had what I wanted. I felt like that gave me a sense of obligation to help those less fortunate than myself," says Wolf.

After graduating from Sunnyslope High School in 1998, where she was cocaptain of the spirit line and vice president of the National Honor Society, Wolf was attracted to Brandeis because she wanted to get to know different Jewish communities and because of Brandeis's reputation for social activism. "That was one of the most important things to me," she explains, adding that

she got very involved in the Waltham Group—in which she was a tutor for three years, a teen leader, and worked for a Kids Club, the Hewlett Pluralism and Unity Leadership Alliance, and the Roosevelt Fellows. She wrote for *the Justice* and worked for Future Alumni. She loved Brandeis, and her experiences strengthened her already intense interest in social justice.

Recently in Uganda on a Global Student Ambassadors Mission, Wolf developed relationships with individuals and community members. "I am focusing on the medical component, so I visited health clinics in the area in order to establish relationships between them and PNZB. It's just a matter of being open to opportunities when they present themselves and taking advantage," explains Wolf, the quintessential ambassador for Brandeis. ■

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# The Savants

by Marjorie Lyon



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**“W**ho is that kid?”

People always noticed Benjamin Okiwe '96. Maybe it was because the Jeremiah Burke High School in Boston was too small an arena for Okiwe's ambition, and it showed. Maybe it was because, as a three-sport athlete—football, basketball, and baseball—he channeled formidable energy into sports but still excelled in academics. During his sophomore year, private schools approached him to offer admission, and it was just about that time that his extraordinary self-awareness and innate compassion combined to solidify a mission that he pursues to this day. As the founder of Young Savants, Inc., Okiwe leverages the universal love of basketball to reach and shape kids on society's fringes.

If you stare unblinking at the hard facts, his story seems not just improbable, but impossible. Meet him, and things quickly come into focus. Listen to him, and the sun shines. Not just because he is an incurable optimist, but also because his clearly chosen path was embarked upon with careful thought and meticulous planning. Warm, upbeat, amiable, athletic, and articulate, with an obvious love of language, Okiwe seems to envelop the people around him.

They are useful attributes, to be sure. There he was in his junior year of high school commuting from Boston to Beaver Country Day School in Newton, MA, straddling two environments that have absolutely nothing in common.

On one side was Newton—winding tree-lined streets graced by stately Victorian homes—and on the other, his decaying Roxbury neighborhood, infamous at the time for skyrocketing murder rates, off limits to all but the most intrepid.

When, in his journal, Okiwe describes his childhood as “uncomfortable,” it is an understatement. When he gets specific, he sends shudders through the reader: “I dwelled in substandard conditions without heat during the bitter chills of New England winters. No cool, running water to drink during sweltering inner-city heat waves. I lived without some of the amenities that people tend to take for granted: a phone, a radio, a television, and oftentimes, a refrigerator, electricity, and a shower. I have been a neighbor to ants, roaches, and rats. I helplessly watched my little brother's obdurate cries. This was not the type of weeping that would dissipate and vanish with a little tender loving care. Food was the only pacifier that could nourish and mitigate this type of crying.”

Making the transition to an affluent private school was a challenge socially, academically, and emotionally. His impressive Boston public school report card instantly lost significance, carrying a stigma, slamming him into prejudice. Contrary to the stereotype, after the first semester Okiwe became a permanent fixture on the Dean's List. Studying intensely, he also excelled in varsity basketball, baseball, and cross-country. He became the school vice president while maintaining a steady job for 30 hours a week as a janitor at a local nursing home in order to bring home vital money. “There was no father in our household to assume the duties of breadwinner, and more importantly, to be a role model,” he says.

At age 14, Okiwe met Walter Bryant on the basketball court, a father figure who he describes as the conductor of his life. “Without his wisdom and sound advice, I shudder to think of the critical decisions I might have made,” says Okiwe. “He taught me how to open my heart.” They are still friends.

His experiences would stun his peers in Newton. He writes of his memories: “I constantly have sorrowful and macabre flashbacks of the time when my best friend passed from nature to eternity. He was fatally shot in the face at pointblank range with a dingy nine-millimeter handgun by a friend over dirty nickels and shady dimes. I remember every seemingly perpetuating minute of anguish that I was forced to endure when I felt him breathe his last breath. I remember searching deep into his eyes. I remember him pensively gazing back at me. I remember seeing the agony and the turmoil, feeling the love and the hate, with the searching and suffering in his cold and desolate brown eyes—eyes that were virtually so full of life; eyes that were so full of fortune and chance; eyes that reminded me of my mother's.”

Okiwe's mother had seven children. One girl died in infancy. After the fourth grade, Okiwe didn't see his father again. The second oldest, growing up with three brothers and two sisters, he attributes all of his values to his mother, Veronica. She instilled in him an appreciation of hard work, honesty, and truth—“Even if the truth hurts, say it,” she insisted. “These lessons were very well received and very well learned,” says Okiwe, who is dedicated to passing



Okiwe views sports—basketball in particular—as a way to connect with kids who face huge obstacles to success. “Our society loves basketball. That’s a conundrum in and of itself. Basketball doesn’t really matter, yet it’s the *only* thing that matters for millions of young, impressionable kids. I realized that because it was the only thing that mattered to *me*. My mom will attest to that. Five o’clock in the morning in the summer, as soon as the sun came up, I was out of the house practicing because the older guys took over the court later in the day.”

With equal fervor, his mom pushed him to earn good grades. “I’m bouncing the basketball. ‘Do your homework.’ ‘Mom, I have all As and Bs on my report card.’ ‘Well get all As.’ The next quarter I get all As. I’m bouncing the basketball. ‘Do your homework.’ ‘Mom, I got all As.’ ‘Well then get all A plusses. And after you do that, read more.’ Mom always had a comeback,” he explains. Education was paramount.

After careful consideration, Okiwe chose to attend Brandeis. He was looking for a balance of rigorous academics, basketball, and an opportunity to study the game, with a coaching career in mind. He had great respect for a Brandeis education, and was attracted by the fact that the Celtics practiced at the University at that time. It was the right choice. “I loved it. I had everything I needed. I was able to play basketball on a varsity team. I worked extremely hard and earned the right to serve as senior cocaptain my senior year. I was fortunate enough to have been given the opportunity to work for the Celtics from my freshman year, and even when I graduated I worked for [then Celtics coach] Patino for a fifth year, and I traveled.” An English major, with a minor in education, Okiwe considers himself to have been a major in basketball as well.

With a firm belief that skills that lead to success in sports are transferable (it is only a matter of time before he will inject sports analogies into any story), Okiwe has distilled his ambition into the creation of Young Savants, Inc. Founded in 1995 as Escape Dribble Savants with 15 youths from the Franklin Hill Housing Development in Dorchester, Young Savants is “a school of thought, a way of life, a student enrichment program,” according to Okiwe. He calls it “harnessing energy from the basketball court and redirecting it into other important areas of their lives.”

The goal of Young Savants is to provide promising inner-city student-athletes with scholarships that will allow them to take part in basketball and academically enriching opportunities all across America. Okiwe hopes to build self-esteem, confidence, and refocus their energies into other important areas of their lives such as academic success, community participation, a successful home life, and worship. His vision for the organization is to grow to national status from its headquarters in Boston. “Young Savants is a source of happiness for me, a source of giving back,” he explains.

Okiwe had the idea a long time ago. “I was bouncing the basketball. My mom would always say, ‘Stop bouncing that basketball, it’s driving me nuts.’ One day when I was in sixth grade [a time when Michael Jordan was exploding on the scene and every kid had dreams of the NBA], I stopped bouncing the basketball and said to my mom, pointing to the basketball, ‘This is what is going to get you and me where we need to be.’ I never said I was going to the NBA. I never said I was going to make millions or anything like that. I just *knew*, at that point. It’s what I refer to as a suspicion of destiny, that deep profound wordless knowledge that your time is coming. I metaphorically opened up my sails and let the wind take me,” he says.

them on to a new generation. “She lit that fire and encouraged me to develop the gift I had—to use words. She gave me the confidence that I could do it. And she was candid in her approach and shrewd.”

A sponge for knowledge, Okiwe seemed to possess wisdom far beyond his years and an insatiable curiosity and ambition that fueled his ability to surmount what seemed impossible odds. He shrugs. “Just the old saying—you work hard and you might be lucky enough to get noticed.”

Okiwe knew that his mother worried about where money for food, clothing, and shelter was going to come from. When he heard her cry out in the night, “Oh, Lord, what have I done to deserve all of this pain, suffering, worry, and destitution?” he promised himself that he would do whatever it took to help her. “I found refuge and opportunity within the harmonious noise and haste of education, athletics, and employment. Combined, they became my sanctuary. Combined, they were like a holy trinity for me. Combined, they effused light on the dim situation for both my heartbroken mother and me,” he writes.



Five feet eleven and passionate about basketball, Okiwe might be asking for trouble leading to despair. But his is the temperament of a winner; no obstacle is going to stand in his way for long. And if he couldn't make the NBA, he would be delighted to coach. Even as a sophomore at Brandeis, Okiwe worked full time at the Boys and Girls Club in Waltham as the assistant athletic director, and started their first ever basketball travel team. "That was my coaching internship. It felt great—I was practicing," he says.

After his sophomore year at Brandeis—during which he did an internship in the office of then-Suffolk County District Attorney Ralph Martin II '74, who served from 1992 to 2002—he knew for certain that he was going to start an organization. By the end of his junior year, he started reading manuals on how to form a corporation. At that time he also developed an organization called Escape Dribble Savants, which crystallized into Young Savants. It combined basketball and sports with confidence building and education. "I consider myself a coach and an educator first and foremost," explains Okiwe. "The 'founding director' is just a title."

His two worlds collided while on his first job after graduating from Brandeis. He was again working for Martin in the D.A.'s office as a victim witness advocate. In the Roxbury courthouse he helped to get a restraining order for a young woman, then bumped into one of his childhood friends outside. "How you doin'? What are you doing here?" Okiwe asked. His friend replied, "I'm having some domestic problems." The court clerk called the next case and Okiwe found himself on the opposite side from his friend. Upstairs in the D.A.'s office, he heard his coworkers discussing the case: "This guy is scum—we're going to get him." "They didn't realize that I used to help this

'scum' carry his mom's groceries. I used to eat at his house. It became very tough for me. And that wasn't an occasional occurrence—those were consecutive occurrences." He resigned the position. In fact, he resigned with a mission. Okiwe realized that he could help develop young people's lives before they got to this point. He wanted to catch them before it was too late. Like his mentor, Walter Bryant, did for him.

At Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School, Okiwe taught all incoming Boston freshman in the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO) program, which gives Boston students an opportunity to study at suburban schools. The course he taught is called CIGS—cultural identity group seminar. Okiwe says he was teaching as well as learning from the kids. "I wasn't comfortable talking about race, discrimination, prejudice, sexism. Who would be?" he says. "I finally said to myself, 'I'm not going to teach this class next year, I'm going to learn in this class. I want to hear what the students have to say, and I'm going to approach it *that* way, because as teachers and as adults I feel like our role should be to learn from children.' It was a whole different experience. Now when they go into their history classes as sophomores and juniors, and that race thing comes up, everyone else is uncomfortable, but they're not, because they've already practiced talking about it."

"We had so much fun in that class, it was unbelievable. It got to the point where the first day of class, I would put a word or name on the board, and ask them to tell me the stereotype, or the prejudice. For example, I'd write 'Italian.' 'What's the first thing that comes to mind?'" Okiwe had them go through all races. Then he came to African-American. The adjectives they came up with were not flattering. "That was day one. And I would say, 'If these are your own stereotypes about the person in the mirror, are you going to come out here to Lincoln-Sudbury as

a student of color and perpetuate your image? Or not?' And I walked out. That was my first day. Now they went home thinking. They went home and talked to their moms. These are teenagers who never really talked with their parents openly. Now there was something to talk about. 'Mom, what do you think about this?'" explains Okiwe with signature ebullience.

"No student in my class could stay quiet. I wasn't going to allow it, because I knew. I was one of those quiet kids," Okiwe says. "There was a sense that society was at fault because they are stereotyping me. But from day one, they learned that it's not society, it's you too, because you stereotyped. You are denying that individual his individuality, and that's what society does. So if nothing else, I want you to learn not to deny people their individuality."

Although Okiwe is leaving Lincoln-Sudbury as a full-time educator to devote his time to Young Savants, he will continue as the basketball coach. And on every practice schedule posted in the locker room is a vocabulary word. "There is a lot of responsibility that comes with being the basketball coach. Period. That's part of leveraging that energy," says Okiwe.

And leverage it he will.

As a fundraising event for Young Savants, Okiwe has organized a basketball game at the University of Massachusetts-Boston on April 13, 2005, between players on the world-champion New England Patriots and local-area businessmen, politicians, and members of the press. To learn more about Young Savants or this upcoming event, email Ben Okiwe at [coachokiwe@youngsavants.org](mailto:coachokiwe@youngsavants.org). ■

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One of Brandeis's  
most popular courses bears  
further investigation.

# Brandeis

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**T**he image of a dead body, larger than life, illuminates the projection screen at the front of the lecture hall. This is not just any corpse. It is the remains of a long-dead murder victim whose approximate date of death can be determined by the number and developmental stages of the blowfly maggots that are in evidence feasting upon it, and by the differential decomposition of the soft tissues that have drawn the face into a hideous rictus.

Rough stuff—but only one student has left the hall. A few others are peeking through their fingers, ready to shut out the view if things take a turn for the worse. The rest of the class of about 75 are toughing it out or taking it in stride. They've been given fair warning that forensic science can get a bit disturbing.

This is week five of CHSC 6a Forensic Science: Col. Mustard, Candlestick, Billiard Room, the brainchild of Arthur H. Reis, Jr., lecturer in chemistry, research scientist in the Department of Biology, former associate provost, and former associate vice president for development, who has been



teaching the course for the past seven years. The course's appealing title, a nod to the classic detective game, *Clue*, reflects the content, as well as the fun, that Reis somehow manages to inject into a subject as macabre as this.

All 26 classes during the semester are not as emotionally and intestinally demanding as this one. Forensic anthropology doctoral student Mark Seifert is the visiting speaker at this class, and he is a hard-tissue specialist. That means that he usually becomes involved in crime scenes concerning teeth and bones, scenes in which human identification has become problematic due to the passage of time or extreme catastrophe, such as a fire or plane crash. His lecture is riveting, but his visual aids of decomposition and carnage are as harrowing as they get.

Much less upsetting are sessions on general chemistry; organic chemistry; gas chromatography; mass spectrometry; infrared, ultraviolet, and x-ray spectroscopy; drugs and toxicology; arson and explosives; serology; cell biology and DNA; hairs, fibers, and paint; fingerprints; firearms; and the mock trial held towards the end of the 13-week semester. This course, clearly, is no easy A, not with a syllabus like that, a major research paper, two hour-long exams, and a reading list that includes a forensic science textbook, *The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes*, and no fewer than 38 articles on reserve in the library. Yet, the course is one of the most popular on campus among science and nonscience majors, alike, for fulfilling their quantitative reasoning and/or science requirement. "Although I am an English major, my friend who took [the course] with me is a biology major, and she enjoyed the class just as much as I did," says Leah Schoen, a sophomore from Fair Lawn, New Jersey.

Reis's challenge in designing the course was to find ways to pour large amounts of interesting science into mainly nonscience students—students majoring in disciplines within the schools of the creative arts, social sciences, and the humanities—and still keep them engaged. "The way you do this," Reis determined, "is to hook them first—with interesting stories, cases, and literature. And that's how I went about it."

Andrew Daren, a first-year student from New London, Connecticut, thinks he is likely to major in psychology with a minor in Spanish. Yet he enthusiastically says that the course "really made quite an impression on me as one of my first courses at Brandeis. I feel as if I learned about a lot more than just forensic science in that class. It's almost as if the growing field of forensic science is another way to analyze and think about everyday problems and mysteries." As testimony to Reis's vision, Daren goes on to commend the Sherlock Holmes readings. "Our assigned readings were not the sort of thing you would want to skim over," he says.

Reis's methods work. Yearly evaluations by students consistently show that they love the course. Though nearly five times larger than Brandeis's average class size of 17, this lecture course still retains some of the small, seminar atmosphere, thanks to Reis's commitment to learning every student's name. "I know each one of them," he says. "I know everybody's name. I call them by their first name, and shock the hell out of them. I also try to put them at ease. After all, some of them are seniors, taking their science or quantitative reasoning requirement, which they have to fulfill to graduate, and they've never before set foot in this fortress over here called the School of Science, and my goal is to put them at ease from day one."

Sophomore Schoen eagerly testifies to Reis's success in that area: "It was a really wonderful class because of Professor Reis. He brought enthusiasm, knowledge, a sense of humor, and a willingness to help students. I came to class early almost every morning—a 9:00 am class!!!—in order to talk to him about the cases we were discussing and hear his opinion. There would usually be only a few of us (not surprising for the time of day) in the class by then, and we would have discussions until class started."

Over the years, Reis has seen the composition of the course change. "The distribution of first-year students, sophomores, juniors, and seniors used

to be about equal," he says. "Lately, the course is comprised of about fifty percent first-year students." At that stage in their college careers, it is difficult to know how many are scientists, since none have yet declared their majors, but it is likely that most will ultimately concentrate in nonscience subjects. The writing project Reis requires is a familiar undertaking for such students.

Once the major topics of forensic science have been explored, Reis assigns a 20-page research paper in which each student picks a case and tears it apart. "I really want to hear *their* analysis of the case," he says. "That's what's interesting to me. And they really get into this, with trial transcripts and all sorts of things." Proof of his success is that theater arts and English majors have written crime scripts based on the course, using the forensic science they have learned to lend realism and depth.

Jill Cetel, an American studies and anthropology double major with a minor in business, wrote her paper on the handwriting analysis used to win a conviction in the Lindbergh kidnapping case. "I had always wondered about the validity of handwriting analysis in the courts," she says, "so I chose that as my final research paper topic. I knew I was fully immersed in my final research paper when I had a dream that I was [world renowned forensic scientist] Henry Lee's intern and was disappointed when I woke up."

For approximately the first third of the 13-week course, Reis lays down the basics of organic chemistry. Although not progressing to anywhere near the complexity of premedical courses on

the subject, this is, no doubt, the most challenging area for the nonscientists in the class. "I don't expect them to be able to go away and do reactions or such things, but I do expect them to be able, after I show them the molecular structure of cocaine, to say, 'That's cocaine. That's heroin. And here's the chemical difference between heroin, codeine, and morphine.'"

Once he takes the class through that first third, Reis can then really begin to develop the topics that characterize forensic science—arson, explosives, serology, DNA analysis, fingerprints—and that provide the widespread fascination that has made at least three television series among the most popular in the country.

"I love talking about fingerprints," Reis says, clearly signaling with his body language that he is about to do just that—with the promised enthusiasm, "because, to this day, no one knows whether two fingerprints are the same or not. The DNA of identical twins, when they're born, is exactly the same, but their fingerprints are different. The growth patterns are very similar—the loops, whirls, arches—but the minutia are different."





"If you go down to an ocean beach at low tide and look at the sand ripples, you'll see every fingerprint pattern. I've got pictures of sand ripples and pictures of fingerprint minutia—the ridgelines—and people can't tell the difference between the two. People are thinking—and I've been thinking about this for awhile—that as the child develops, it's in this wonderful, sloshing, fluid environment, like an ocean, and that's setting the final points to those skin cells. The genes drive them to the growth patterns; the sloshing motion drives the minutia."

Reis also is exhaustively knowledgeable about the case of JonBenet Ramsey, the six-year-old, beauty-pageant star who, in 1996, was discovered strangled in the wine cellar of her family's Colorado home after her mother found a three-page ransom note claiming the child had been kidnapped. The murder remains unsolved. During their investigation of the forensic value of documents, Reis and the class perform a minutely detailed examination of the ransom note. By that time, the class has "gotten to the point where they can identify 30 to 40 different characteristics of individuality in that ransom note," according to Reis.

In the last four or five sessions of the semester, the class stages a mock trial. "I divide up the class, by lots, into a plaintiff team, two defendant teams, and a twelve-person jury with some alternates," Reis explains. "We use *A Civil Action* [a book by Jonathan Harr, and later a movie, documenting a lawsuit brought against Beatrice Foods and W.R. Grace & Co. by a group of families in Woburn, Massachusetts, who claimed that an unusual number of leukemia cases in one area was caused by the company's contamination of its drinking water.] "This is a case I really care about. I've had an opportunity to have lunch with some of the mothers involved in the case. I've been up to Woburn 12 or 15 times. And the class can see, now, what's acceptable in a court of law."

Here is where all the aspects of the course come together in a meaningful way. "My whole point from the beginning of the course," Reis says, "is to be able to say, 'Okay, here's a crime scene. Here's all the stuff you can gather. What can you say about that? What can you observe? And how can you translate that into real specific evidence? And then what part of the evidence will actually be allowed in a court of law?' That can all be played out in a mock trial."

Clearly, this is an attractive course. It presents a highly intriguing subject in a nonthreatening way, fulfills requirements in areas that are often problematic for nonscience students, and has a history of rave evaluations from former participants. "A lot of the students do struggle," says Reis, "but I tell them that if they struggle and show an effort, and I work with them, they're going to pass this course. I've never failed anyone who has put a huge effort into it."

Says Cetel: "I would recommend Professor Reis's forensic science class to anyone who has ever wondered about the cases they have heard about in the news or about the techniques used to find and convict criminals. From the O.J. Simpson case to the current crime scene investigation television shows, interest in forensic science is gaining in popularity."

So what about all those forensic science television programs—*CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*, *CSI: Miami*, and *CSI: NY*? Reis regards them as the modern version of *The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes*—short, serial, illustrative of good scientific method, entertaining, and used to sell products. "The *CSI* programs are very good," says Reis, "in that the science is genuine, the techniques are accurate, the methodology is authentic, but to get results from most of the tests takes weeks, not 45 minutes."

Forensic Science: Col. Mustard, Candlestick, Billiard Room shares its CHSC course designation with two others in the chemistry department. The Magnitude of Things and How on Earth They Matter, as well as Chemistry and Art also fulfill the University's quantitative reasoning and/or science requirements by bringing multidisciplinary approaches to scientific subjects so that the chemist and the painter, the biologist and the dramatist, the physicist and the psychologist, and all Brandeis undergraduates, no matter what their academic interests, can delight in the intellectual synergy inherent in a rigorous and imaginative liberal arts education. ■

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# Development Matters

## Justice Brandeis Society Emerging Leaders

The Justice Brandeis Society Emerging Leaders sponsored two programs this past fall in New York City.

On Tuesday, October 12, Robin Weiss '81, managing director, Investment Banking Services, New York Stock Exchange, hosted a breakfast for Emerging Leaders at the New York Stock Exchange. She gave an informational presentation and led a tour,

which culminated with the group being on the trading floor for the opening bell.

On Tuesday, November 16, senior vice president for communications, Lorna Miles Whalen, was a special guest at a cocktail reception for the New York Emerging Leaders at Brandeis House. She showcased the University's marketing plan through a slide show presentation, handled questions, and heard suggestions from the alumni leaders.

For information about the Justice Brandeis Society Emerging Leaders, please contact Robyn Hartman '94 at 212-472-1501 ext. 232 or Julie Katz, M.B.A. '03, at 781-736-4010 or email [emergingleaders@lists.brandeis.edu](mailto:emergingleaders@lists.brandeis.edu).



Michael Berger '02, Sheera Green '02, and Alan Kierman '97 at an Emerging Leaders event in NYC



Aliza Saivetz '01, Anthony Yu '03, and Stacy Norden Bess '97 at an Emerging Leaders event in NYC

## Brandeis Nights

### Chicago

Brandeis alumni, parents, friends, and National Women's Committee members gathered at the Park Hyatt Hotel for the annual Brandeis Night in Chicago on October 19, hosted by Margot and Thomas Pritzker, parents

of Jason '02. Following a cocktail reception, President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, offered greetings and an update on the University. He then welcomed the evening's featured speaker, Robert Reich, University Professor, Maurice B. Hexter Professor of Social and Economic Policy, and Atran Professor in Labor Economics. Reich, the author of *Why Liberals*

*Will Win the Battle for America, The Future of Success, and Locked in the Cabinet*, gave a compelling speech on "The Truth About Globalization, Jobs, and the Economy."

### South Florida

Brandeis alumni, parents, and friends gathered on November 8 at the Villa Grande Club at Porto Vita in Aventura for Brandeis



## Save the Date for the First Annual Brandeis University Golf Outing

Brandeis University is pleased to announce its first annual Golf Outing presented by Alpine Capital Bank. The event will take place on **August 1, 2005**, at the Cold Spring Country Club on Huntington, Long Island. Organized by a committee of alumni volunteers, the outing will

be a fundraiser to establish a scholarship for a Brandeis undergraduate student.

Henry Aboodi '86, University Trustee, is chairing the event and reports, "We wanted to try something to expand the Brandeis network and involve a diverse group of alumni, parents, and friends. It should be a great day of camaraderie and competition. Having a good time, while benefiting Brandeis, will make the day worthwhile."

Aboodi announced the formation of a number of committees. Charlie Fisch '87 will serve as chair of the Sponsors and Awards Committee; Bram Weber '97 as chair of Course Operation and Facilities Committee; and Michael Baumrin '75 and Adam Raboy '82 as co-chairs of the Finance Committee.

The day will include a round of golf, brunch, and an awards banquet dinner. In addition, participants will enjoy refreshments on the course, as well as the use of the driving range, putting greens, locker rooms, and valet parking.

For more information on the outing or on becoming a corporate sponsor, please contact Robyn Hartman '94 at 212-472-1501 ext. 232 or visit <http://alumni.brandeis.edu/golf>.

## Board of Fellows

Night 2004 in South Florida. The evening was hosted by Minna and Ronald Bakalarz, parents of Jonathan '97. Guests were treated to a cocktail reception and a viewing of the Brandeis video, *Creating Connections*, as well as a discussion with President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72.

The Brandeis University Board of Fellows was created in 1951 to fulfill a critical need of the University for a concerned corps of "foster alumni" who would offer wise counsel and support. Since Dr. Selman Waxman was elected the first Fellow, University officers have

relied increasingly on this highly committed and distinguished segment of the Brandeis inner family.

Today the Board of Fellows numbers almost 300 men and women and consists of alumni, friends, and parents of the Brandeis community. Under the current leadership of Richard '57 and Rosalind Fuchsberg '59 Kaufman, the Fellows continue to

add to the strength of the University through their own generous gifts, their enthusiastic ambassadorial activities in their communities, and their counsel and expertise in many business and professional fields.

## Palm Beach

Brandeis University held a weekend of events in Palm Beach on January 21–23. Headlining the program was New York Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, who spoke at the 12th annual Norman S. and Eleanor E. Rabb Seminar. (See “Clinton and Roosevelt at Rabb,” p. 2)

The Brandeis delegation was led by President Jehuda, Ph.D. '72, and Professor Shulamit, Ph.D. '77, Reinharz, Senior Vice President for Institutional Advancement Nancy Winship, and Provost Marty Krauss.

Alumni, friends, and parents gathered on Friday, January 21, at the Breakers for a cocktail reception and dinner hosted by Allan and Hana Green, parents of Sheera Green '02. Shai Feldman, the director of the Crown Center for Middle East Studies at Brandeis, spoke to the gathering about the situation in the Middle East following the death of Palestinian Leader Yasser Arafat.

The annual Palm Beach Dinner for major donors to Brandeis was held on Saturday, January 22, at the Palm Beach Country Club. Stephen B. Kay, chairman of the Brandeis Board of

Trustees, and his wife, Lisbeth Tarlow, hosted the event. Attendees listened to Rebecca Collins '06 talk about how scholarship support allowed her to attend the University. Steve Kay discussed the accomplishments of President Reinharz during his 10-year tenure.

Scott Edmiston, the director of the Office of the Arts at Brandeis, addressed the Fellows Breakfast at the Kravis Center prior to the Rabb Seminar on Sunday, January 23. More than 1,200 guests attended the seminar.



Barbara Mandel, a new member of the Brandeis Board of Trustees, and Morton Mandel at the Palm Beach Dinner on January 22 (See “A Gift of Vision,” p. 4)

## In Our Prayers

Our prayers for comfort on the passing of Fellows and family:

### Fellows:

Joseph Schwartz, May 2  
Max Abramovitz,  
September 12  
Milton Borenstein,  
September 23

### Obituary:

#### Max Abramovitz

Longtime Fellow and world-renowned architect Max Abramovitz, of the firm Harrison Abramovitz, passed away at his home in Pound Ridge, New York, in September 2004. During his life he developed a master plan for the University and designed

several of the most visible and well known of the early buildings on campus. These include The Three Chapels (1955); the Slosberg Music Center (1957); The Rose Art Museum (1961); the Goldman Schwartz Art Studios (1962); the Spingold Theater (1965); the Maurice Pollock Fine Arts Teaching Center (1972); the Rosenstiel Basic Medical Sciences Building (1972); and the Abram L. and Thelma Sachar International Center (1972). All of his buildings remain in use on the Brandeis campus today, many of them nearly a half century after they were built.

His legacy extended to several major buildings in New York City, as well,

including Avery Fisher Hall in Lincoln Center. Mr. Abramovitz passed away just as the first major retrospective of his work was preparing to open at the Avery Architectural and Fine Arts Library at Columbia University where his papers are housed. He is survived by his son Michael of Denver, Colorado, his daughter Katherine of Alexandria, Virginia, and five grandchildren.

### Family:

Tessie Cohen  
Mother-in-law of Fellow Alan Greenwald

Esta Fuchsberg  
Aunt of Brandeis Fellow Rosalind Fuchsberg Kaufman '59

Robert Kane  
Brother of Fellow Lawrence Kane '57

Selma Kaye  
Wife of Brandeis Fellow Walter Kaye

David Perlitsh  
Brother of Brandeis Fellow Max Perlitsh '52

Lillian Stroum  
Sister-in-law of Fellow Althea Stroum

### Fellows Calendar of Events:

**Sunday, May 22, 2005**  
Fellows and Trustees Annual Commencement Breakfast





Shai Feldman, Hana Green, P'02, President Reinharz, and Allan Green, P'02, at the Breakers event in Palm Beach on January 21



President Reinharz, Karen and Martin List, P'08, at the Breakers event in Palm Beach on January 21



Ronny Zinner, President Reinharz, Ruth and Carl Shapiro, at the Palm Beach Dinner on January 22

## Parents Leadership Reception



Pamela Cutler, P'06, and Vice Chair Barnet and Phyllis Liberman, P'06, at the Parents Leadership Reception at Rapaport Treasure Hall during Fall Fest weekend



Ira Fox, P'08, Jacqueline Fox '08, Elsa Fox, P'08, Victor Fox (prospective student), and President Reinharz at the Parents Leadership Reception during Fall Fest weekend

### Faculty

#### Pamela Allara

associate professor of contemporary art, and Mark Auslander Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow and Lecturer in African and Afro-American Studies, Anthropology, and Fine Arts, co-organized the symposium, *Assemblies: Excavation and Reconstruction in Contemporary African Art*, on October 23, 2004, which brought together artists and scholars from Nigeria, Botswana, South Africa, and the United States, with Kyle Kauffman, associate professor of economics at Wellesley College. It was accompanied by exhibitions of the artists' works in Slosberg Recital Hall and the Dreitzer Gallery of the Spingold Theater Center.

#### Eric Chasalow

professor of composition, spent six weeks in residence at the MacDowell Colony, completing a piece for large orchestra, *Concerning Sunspots*, a commission from the Fromm Foundation for January 22, 2005, premiere by the Boston Modern Orchestra Project. His piece, *Trois Espaces du Son*, for piano, percussion, and tape was premiered in La Paz, Bolivia, in October 2004, and *Due (Cinta)mani* for piano and tape was performed by Vicki Ray in Canberra, Australia.

#### Stanley Deser

Enid and Nate Ancell Professor of Physics, received an Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award from Brooklyn College in October 2004.

#### Neal Hampton

conductor, Brandeis-Wellesley Orchestra, held fall concerts that included guest conducting engagements with the Rhode Island Philharmonic, the Springfield Symphony (Massachusetts) and the Tallahassee Symphony. He was also selected as a composer in the BMI Musical Theater Workshop in New York City, which recently produced the Tony Award-winning musical *Avenue Q*.

#### Ray Jackendoff

professor of linguistics, has been appointed to the Scientific Committee of the European Review of Philosophy. In November he gave a plenary lecture at the Western Conference on Linguistics entitled "Alternative Minimalist Visions of Language." A précis of his book *Foundations of Language* appeared in *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, along with 27 peer commentaries and his response.

#### Edward Kaplan

Kevy and Hortense Kaiserman Professor in the Humanities, and chair of the program in religious studies, contributed two articles to the Paris symposium, Abraham J. Heschel Tsadik dans la cité (Alliance israélite universelle,

2004), "La Sainteté, le judaïsme essentiel," and "Théologien, écrivain, militant prophétique." His contribution to a symposium on modern Jewish thought at the University of Naples, "Revelation and Commitment: Abraham Joshua Heschel's Situational Philosophy," appeared in *Filosofia e critica della filosofia nel pensiero ebraico*. In November 2004, he spoke in Paris, France, regarding Brandeis University admissions and was interviewed on Radio Communauté Juive by Salomon Malka.

#### Lorraine V. Klerman

professor at The Heller School is the author of a new publication, *Another Chance: Preventing Additional Births to Teen Mothers*. The monograph was published by the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.

#### Margie E. Lachman

professor of psychology, presented the Distinguished Research Contribution Award address for the American Psychological Association Division on Adult Development and Aging in Honolulu, Hawaii, in August 2004 with "The Sense of Control and Aging: Implications for Cognition and Health."

#### Joan Maling

professor of linguistics, presented a forum lecture at the Linguistic Society of Korea meeting in Seoul in July, entitled "From Passive to Active: Syntactic Change in Progress in Icelandic." She



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also presented a workshop paper, "Of Nominative and Accusative: the Hierarchical Assignment of Grammatical Case," and in August spoke at Sogang University on "Whether to Agree or Not: the Syntax of Inalienable Possession." In September, she gave a talk at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona on the syntax of the new impersonal construction in Icelandic. Professor Maling is currently on leave while serving as director of the linguistics program at the National Science Foundation.

### Tom Pochapsky

professor of chemistry, received a grant funded from National Institutes of Health for "Structure and Dynamics of Metal-Containing Proteins." Total costs of \$1.16 million will be awarded over 4 years to study cytochrome P450 activity using magnetic resonance methods.

### David Rakowski

professor of composition, released two CDs in the fall: *Études, Volume 2* on Bridge Records featuring pianist Amy Dissanayake, and *Martian Counterpoint* on Albany Records featuring the U.S. Marine Band, Emphyrean Ensemble, and Marilyn Nonken. His *Violin Songs* were premiered in November by the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center.

### Benjamin Ravid

Jennie and Mayer Weisman Professor of Jewish History, delivered the opening lecture, entitled "Toward a History of the Compulsory, Segregated and Enclosed Jewish Quarter Eventually Called the Ghetto," at an international conference on the Judengasse of Frankfurt held in Frankfurt in May 2004. Additionally, he delivered a paper on "The Papacy, Iberian New Christians and the Sacrament of Baptism" at the Fifth Biannual Adriatica Judaica Conference held in Dubrovnik, Croatia, in August 2004.

### Joseph Reimer

associate professor in the Hornstein Program, gave a series of lectures on Jewish education to the Leo Baeck College in London as well as at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. His first book, *Promoting Moral Development: From Piaget to Kohlberg*, has recently been published in Japanese. Last May he was awarded the Keter Torah Award for excellence in Jewish education by the BJE of Greater Boston.

### Shulamit Reinharz, Ph.D. '77

Jacob S. Potofsky Professor of Sociology partnered the Women's Studies Research Center with REACH, the Waltham-based shelter for battered women that serves 27 communities, in a gala event auctioning plates created by artists, celebrities, and violence survivors. Fulfilling the mission of having research, art, and activism converge, they drew inspiration from artist Judy Chicago and built strong relations with the community.

### Jonathan D. Sarna '75, M.A. '75

Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History, was honored with the Jewish Book Council's highest award, the 2004 Jewish Book of the Year Award, for *American Judaism: A History*. He was also selected by the *Forward* as one of the American Jewish community's "most influential members" in 2004 thanks to his efforts on behalf of the 350th anniversary celebration of American Jewish life.

### Marianne L. Simmel

professor emeritus, has received the 2004 Farnsworth Award for outstanding service to the Society for Psychological Aesthetics, Creativity, and the Arts, a division of the American Psychological Association.

### David Wilson

Artist-in-Residence in Lighting and Sound, Department of Theater Arts, designed sound for the Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater's New England premiere of *Gizmo Love*, directed by Sam Weisman, M.F.A. '73, and Stoneham Theater's production of *The Sweepers*. He also designed sound and lighting for Nora Theater's production of *A Dublin Carol*, directed by Artist-in-Residence Janet Morrison, and produced by Mimi Huntington, M.F.A. '87, with set design by Eric Levenson, M.F.A. '70.

### Sherri Geller '92

senior associate director of admissions, was elected Vice President for Professional Development for the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC). Sherri has served as National Professional Development Committee Chair and a New England ACAC Governing Board member. She has worked in the Brandeis admissions office since 1994.

# Books and Recordings

## Faculty

### Karen V. Hansen

Hansen is associate professor of sociology and women's studies.

*Not-So-Nuclear Families: Class, Gender, and Networks of Care*  
Rutgers University Press

This book investigates the lives of working parents and the informal networks they construct to help care for their children. Hansen chronicles the conflicts, hardships, and triumphs of four families of various social classes. Each must navigate the ideology that mandates that parents, mothers in particular, rear their own children, in the face of an economic reality that requires that parents rely on the help of others. Hansen not only debunks the myth that families in the United States are independent, isolated, and self-reliant units, she breaks new theoretical ground by asserting that informal networks of care can potentially provide unique and valuable bonds that nuclear families cannot.

### Dan L. Perlman

with Jeffrey C. Milder.  
Perlman is assistant professor of biology.

*Practical Ecology for Planners, Developers, and Citizens*  
Island Press in cooperation with the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

The practice of ecologically based planning and development has emerged

as a means to safeguard human communities from natural hazards and to protect natural systems from the impact of human settlement. *Practical Ecology for Planners, Developers, and Citizens* introduces and explains key ecological concepts for all individuals involved in planning and building human habitats. Perlman and Milder's work is tailored to meet the needs of busy land use professionals and citizens seeking a concise yet thorough overview of ecology and its applications.

### Antony Polonsky

Polonsky is the first holder of the Albert Abramson Professor of Holocaust Studies, a joint appointment with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

*Polin: Studies in Polish Jewry, Volume Seventeen*  
The Littman Library of Jewish Civilization

This volume focuses on the historical *shtetl* and attempts to separate myth from reality through in-depth historical examinations of life in these small Jewish towns and critical analyses of Hebrew, Polish, and Yiddish literature. Among the topics covered are: the Jewishness of the *shtetl*, Polish-Jewish relations, social relations, Polish communities under Russian rule and Soviet *shtetls* in the 1920s, and a contemporary account of returning to the *shtetl*.

### Shulamit Reinharz, M.A. '69, Ph.D. '77

with Mark A. Raider,  
eds. Reinharz is the Jacob S. Potofsky Professor of Sociology.

*American Jewish Women and the Zionist Enterprise*  
Brandeis University Press

Despite a historical record that shows sustained involvement of American Jewish women with early Zionism and Palestine, the topic has received scant scholarly attention. A major contribution to Zionist history, women's history, and American history, this book offers a much-needed clarification of the historical record through essays, eyewitness documents, and personal testimonies divided thematically to cover significant persons, key organizations, and the multidimensional relationship between American Jewish women and Zionism.

### Ellen Jean Smith

with George M. Goodwin,  
eds. Smith is lecturer in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies.

*The Jews of Rhode Island*  
Brandeis University Press

Rhode Island as we know it began in 1636 when Roger Williams, a "godly minister," founded a colony, Providence, at the head of Narragansett Bay. Although none of Williams' followers were Jewish, some of his libertarian ideals profoundly influenced the future Jewish population of the state.

*The Jews of Rhode Island* provides a complete account of the state and its Jewish residents through previously published and new articles, a timeline, extensive bibliography, and nearly 100 photographs, many of which are published for the first time in this work. This volume provides a panoramic view of a famous yet little-known Jewish community.

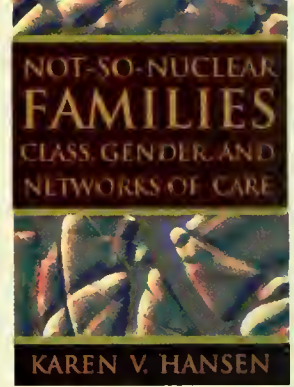
## Alumni

### Amy Agigian, M.A. '93, Ph.D. '98

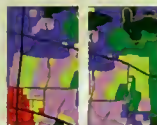
Agigian is associate professor of sociology at Suffolk University, where she is also founder and director of the Center for Women's Health and Human Rights.

*Baby Steps: How Lesbian Alternative Insemination is Changing the World*  
Wesleyan University Press

The first and only scholarly book to examine the broad cultural ramifications of lesbian alternative insemination (AI), Agigian examines relevant statutes, legal findings, medical practices, protocols, and personal interviews in order to illustrate the issues surrounding lesbian AI. *Baby Steps* discusses these issues with an understanding of class, race, and gender, concluding with recommendations for legal change and new philosophical approaches to improve the lives of lesbian AI users.

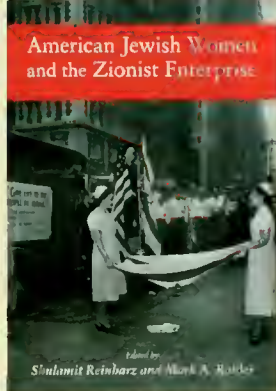






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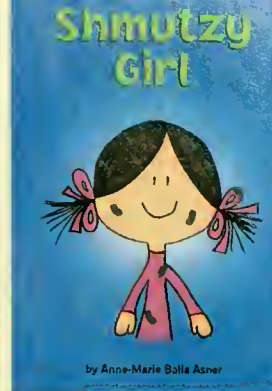


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HOW LESBIAN & GAY PEOPLE ARE CHANGING THE WORLD



Amy Agigian



by Anne-Marie Baila Asner

### Anne-Marie Baila Asner '96

Asner is the founder of Matzah Ball Books and has written for various publications including *The Jewish Observer*, *MzVibe.com*, and *JewishAustralia.com*.

#### *Shmutzy Girl* Matazh Ball Books

Consistent with an upsurge of endeavors to preserve Yiddish and Jewish culture, this series, of which *Shmutzy Girl* is the first, was created to give children access to, understanding of, and affinity for Yiddishisms. These fun and lively picture books put the joy and color of Yiddish into a form that young people adore. Written in English, each book is named for a character with a Yiddish word that describes a central attribute of his or her personality, and by the end, the protagonist has learned a lesson connected with this trait. The second book in the series, *Noshy Boy*, has also recently been debuted.

### James M. Ault, Jr., M.A. '80, Ph.D. '81

Ault taught sociology at Harvard and Smith College, and has produced and directed a variety of documentary programs. He is producer of the award-winning documentary *Born Again*.

#### *Spirit and Flesh: Life in a Fundamental Baptist Church* Knopf

To understand the growing influence of the Christian Right, Ault spent three years inside the world

of a Massachusetts fundamentalist church he encountered while studying a variety of new-right groups. Having experienced its culture personally and in depth, Ault's *Spirit and Flesh* is an all-encompassing yet tender depiction of the world of Christian fundamentalism. Ault's work builds a framework for better understanding the sources of fundamentalism and new-right conservatism, and appreciating their unique place in American life.

### Jay R. Berkovitz '73, M.A. '77, Ph.D. '83

Berkovitz is professor of Jewish history and director of the Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

#### *Rites and Passages: The Beginnings of Modern Jewish Culture in France, 1650-1860* University of Pennsylvania Press

In *Rites and Passages*, Jay Berkovitz argues that no serious treatment of Jewish emancipation can ignore the cultural history of the Jews during the ancien régime. Drawing on rarely used communal records, rabbinic writings, liturgical compilations, and kabbalistic sources, this new history of France's Jews examines the growing tension between tradition and modernity in the century prior to the Revolution. With its prime focus on the changing character of

ritual, it explores how the Jewish religious tradition remained central to the discourse of modernization and played a powerful role in helping French Jews interpret the diverse meanings and implications of emancipation.

### Y. Michal Bodemann, M.A. '69, Ph.D. '79

Bodemann is professor of sociology at the University of Toronto.

#### *A Jewish Family in Germany Today: An Intimate Portrait* Duke University Press

Having survived concentration camps in Poland, four Kalman siblings were stranded in Germany after the war. Sharing the true story of the Kalmans, Bodemann provides an intimate look at why this family chose to live in postwar Germany, and what it is like to live as a Jew in Germany today. Their stories reveal their engagement with Judaism and different Jewish communities, while shedding light on some of the conflicts and compromises Jews have made to live not only in Germany, but in the modern world.

### Wendy Burk '97

Burk is a poet and translator who has twice been named Artist-in-Residence of the National Park Service.

#### *While Light Is Built* Kore Press

Of this poetry collection, Olga Broumas said, "Wendy Burk's lyric genius brings to these Tedi López Mills translations a unique gift of music and transparency.

They shine, clear as water, refreshing as water, miracles of clean sun!"

#### *The Deer* Finishing Line Press

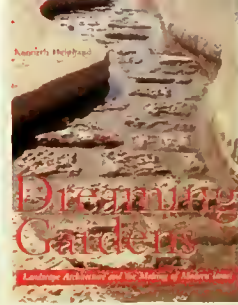
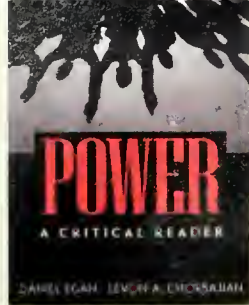
Burk's first published book of poetry, *The Deer* leads the reader to wilderness in the most unlikely places: a wilderness physical and mental, seen by human eyes but not in human terms alone.

### Levon A. Chorbajian, Ph.D. '74

with Daniel Egan. Chorbajian is professor of sociology at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. Additionally, Chorbajian is a two-time Fulbright Senior Lecturer in the Soviet Union and the Republic of Armenia.

#### *Power: A Critical Reader* Pearson

*Power* provides a unique mix of theoretical and empirical pieces, such as state and electoral politics, that address both classic issues in political sociology as well as more recent developments, such as globalization. Accessible and contemporary, this volume offers a coherent analysis of power that reflects the contributions of a variety of critical perspectives, including Marxism, feminism, critical race theory, postmodernism, and power structure theory.



**Joshua A. Copel '75**

with Gerard N. Burrow and Thomas P. Duffy. Copel is professor of obstetrics, gynecology, reproductive sciences, and pediatrics at Yale University School of Medicine.

*Medical Complications During Pregnancy, Sixth Edition*  
Elsevier Saunders

Offering multidisciplinary coverage on the spectrum of complications that can arise during pregnancy, *Medical Complications During Pregnancy* is a comprehensive guide to the whole nine months. The book offers comprehensive coverage of pathophysiology as well as state-of-the-art guidance on effective management for each condition associated with pregnancy and preexisting conditions. This textbook also includes the newest topics of interest in the field, such as postpartum depression and bioethics.

**Rebekah L. Dorman '78**

with Jeremy P. Shapiro. Dorman is a developmental psychologist and vice president of Applewood Centers, Inc., a private nonprofit behavioral health care agency in Cleveland, Ohio, where she heads the division of Family and Child Development.

*Preventing Burnout in Your Staff and Yourself: A Survival Guide for Human Services Supervisors*  
CWLA Press

Employee burnout and turnover are serious problems for every child welfare supervisor. Burnout, or "compassion fatigue,"

is an occupational hazard of jobs devoted to helping people who are experiencing serious problems. *Preventing Burnout* uses research findings and the experiences of real life workers and supervisors to help supervisors create a workplace environment that supports job satisfaction.

**Marcia Falk '68**

illustrated by Barry Moser. Falk is the author of the new English and Hebrew prayer book, written from a nonhierarchical, gender-inclusive perspective, as well as *The Book of Blessings*, and a number of other books and poetry.

*The Song of Songs: Love Lyrics from the Bible*  
Brandeis University Press

An acclaimed translation of the Bible's only collection of love poetry paired with the original text, *The Song of Songs* is striking in its appeal to the senses, and remarkable for its lack of gender stereotyping and its expression of mutuality in relationships. Falk's translation has been richly praised by poets and scholars alike in this 2004 reprinting.

**Jack Gottlieb, M.A. '55**

Gottlieb is an author and composer who has lectured on the Jewish contribution to American popular music throughout the United States, Canada, and Israel. He is the past president of the American Society for Jewish Music.

*Funny, It Doesn't Sound Jewish: How Yiddish Songs and Synagogue Melodies Influenced Tin Pan Alley, Broadway, and Hollywood*  
State University of New York Press

Drawing on a variety of historical and archival sources, Gottlieb carefully documents how Jewish songwriters and composers transformed the popular music of mid-twentieth-century America. Complete with a companion CD that includes previously unrecorded songs and rare performances, *Funny, It Doesn't Sound Jewish* is an entertaining account of musical evolution of songs of the *shtetl* into some of the most memorable songs of American culture.

**Kenneth Helpland '68**

Helpland is professor of landscape architecture at the University of Oregon and a frequent visiting professor at Technion, Israel Institute of Technology.

*Dreaming Gardens: Landscape Architecture and the Making of Modern Israel*  
Center for American Places

Israeli landscape architects have been integral to their country's development, designing places that have become symbolic icons of the nation. Yet despite their unique contribution to the nation's identity, their work is largely unknown outside Israel. *Dreaming Gardens* provides, for the first time, a framework for understanding the contributions of landscape architecture in the creation of Israel. Helpland narrates the development of the landscape architecture in Israel and the shifting

attitudes toward the land, complementing his work with copious color illustrations.

**Stuart N. Isaacs '81, ed.**

Isaacs is assistant professor of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, Division of Infectious Diseases.

*Vaccinia Virus and Poxvirology: Methods and Protocols*  
Humana Press

As recombinant vaccinia viruses have become more important in recent years, especially in the age of bioterrorism, *Vaccinia Virus and Poxvirology* offers timely techniques and instructions to study and work with the vaccinia virus and other poxvirus gene transcriptions. A collection of successful methods from internationally recognized experts and leaders in poxvirology, the protocols presented offer step-by-step laboratory instructions, the principles behind the techniques, and tips on troubleshooting.

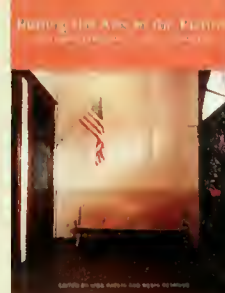
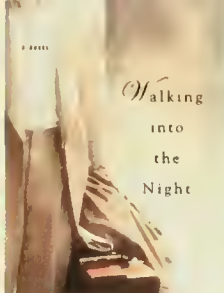
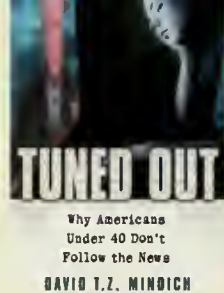
**Saralee Kane '70**

with Karen Olness, eds. Kane is a clinical social worker in Seattle.

*The Art of Therapeutic Communication: The Collected Works of Kay Thompson*  
Crown House

Kay Thompson was one of the great hypnotherapists of the 20th century. This is the first time that Thompson's teaching legacy, both published and oral, has been





collected for publication. Thompson was renowned for her linguistic brilliance, as an international teacher of hypnosis and as one of the most gifted students of the legendary psychotherapist, Milton Erickson. Her unique abilities with the language of hypnosis entranced listeners throughout the world.

**Jean Mercer, Ph.D. '68**

with Larry Sarnier, Linda Rosa, and Gerard Costa. Mercer is professor of psychology at Richard Stockton College. She is also currently president of the New Jersey Association for Infant Mental Health.

*Attachment Therapy on Trial: The Torture and Death of Candace Newmaker*  
Praeger

An indictment of a fringe form of therapy known as "attachment therapy," *Attachment Therapy on Trial* focuses on the suffocation death of 10-year-old Candace Newmaker during a psychotherapy session aimed to improve her relationship with her foster mother. The study offers a history of fringe treatments, and draws on court testimony and videotape specific to Newmaker's case, explaining the legal factors that make fringe therapies difficult to ban, despite the fight against them.

**David T. Z. Mindich '85**

Mindich is associate professor and chair of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at Saint Michael's College. Mindich is former assignment editor for CNN.

*Tuned Out: Why Americans Under 40 Don't Follow the News*  
Oxford University Press

Interviewing a range of individuals, including Brandeis students, Mindich investigates the trends involving young Americans and the move away from political news. Concluding with different approaches to news shows that could solve the nation's informed citizenship dilemma, *Tuned Out* explains why "serious" news programs are becoming overshadowed by entertainment shows, and how the media could change these trends.

**Olaf J. Olafsson '85**

Olafsson is the author of two previous novels, *The Journey Home* and *Absolution*. He lives in New York City with his wife and two sons.

*Walking into the Night*  
Pantheon Books

Olafsson's fictional portrayal of William Randolph Hearst's butler takes the reader through the everyday rituals of Hearst and the splendor of the late 1930s. While sharing the narrator's present, clips of his forgotten past, abandoned family, and secret love affair surface, creating a stunning portrait of a man wrestling with guilt and secret passions.

**Nick Rabkin '69**

with Robin Redmond, eds. Rabkin is the executive director of the Chicago Center for Arts Policy at Columbia College Chicago.

*Putting the Arts in the Picture: Reframing Education in the 21st Century*  
Columbia College Chicago

This book makes a powerful and original argument for placing the arts at the center of educational renewal. It investigates the success of arts integrated schools, and the programs that have helped shape their success by drawing on the work of leading cognition experts to explain why arts integration has such educational and cognitive power. *Putting the Arts in the Picture* places art integration within the long arc of efforts to realize the democratic promise of public education and explores how other nations have mobilized the arts to focus young people's need to learn and grow.

**Deborah Reed-Danahay, Ph.D. '86**

Reed-Danahay is professor of anthropology at the University of Texas–Arlington. She is author of *Education and Identity in Rural France: The Politics of Schooling*.

*Locating Bourdieu*  
Indiana University Press

Reed-Danahay informs this study of twentieth-century French sociologist and activist Pierre Bourdieu, with ethnography and her own work in educational theory and anthropology. The book delves into what Bourdieu calls his "common sense" assumptions garnered from a traditional European education, and into the implications of his work in understanding emotion, social space, and personal narrative.

**Alan F. Segal, M.A. '70**

Segal is professor of religion and Ingeborg Rennert Professor of Jewish Studies at Barnard College, Columbia University. He is the author of a number of books and scholarly articles.

*Life After Death: A History of the Afterlife in Western Religion*  
Doubleday

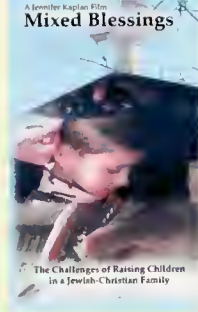
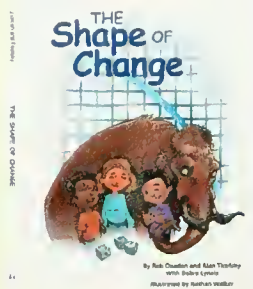
Focusing on Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, *Life After Death* illuminates the many different ways ancient civilizations grappled with the question of what exactly happens to us after we die. Arguing that in every religious tradition the afterlife represents the ultimate reward for the good, Segal combines historical and anthropological data with insights gleaned from religious and philosophical writings.

**Harold Simansky '88**

Simansky is the founder of Educational Investments, LLC, an educational investment advisory firm. He lives in Boston with his wife and son.

*College Costs How Much!!*  
Educational Investments

This easy-to-use workbook demystifies and clarifies the educational investment process by outlining savings options, tax laws, and financial aid simply for parents and grandparents. It answers the most frequently asked questions about investing including how to determine the cost



of college, the differences between various 529 plans, and the best ways to invest for the future.

**Alan Ticotsky '71**  
with Rob Quaden. Ticotsky has been developing K-8 curriculum materials, applying principles from the fields of systems thinking and system dynamics.

*The Shape of Change*  
Creative Learning Exchange

*The Shape of Change* is designed for teachers and educators working in grades 3-8. Using hands-on simulations, students use graphs and diagrams to investigate what, how, and why things change over time. The activities fit into existing curricula and require only everyday common materials. Teamwork, inquiry, and higher-level thinking skills are built into the lessons.

**Deborah Winslow '86**  
with Michael D. Woost, eds. Winslow is associate professor of anthropology at the University of New Hampshire.

*Economy, Culture, and Civil War in Sri Lanka*  
Indiana University Press

This collection is an interdisciplinary examination of the effects of a civil conflict that has spanned two decades on the Sri Lankan culture and economy. The contributors, which include the books' editors, argue that war is grounded not just in the goals and intentions of the opposing sides, but also in the everyday orientations, experiences, and material practices of the people of Sri Lanka.

#### Recordings

**Jennifer L. Kaplan '86**  
Kaplan is a freelance producer in Connecticut. This film has been accepted into the Boston and Washington, D.C., Jewish Film Festivals.

*Mixed Blessings: The Challenges of Raising Children in a Jewish-Christian Family*  
Spencer Films

There are over one million Jewish-Christian interfaith couples in the United States. As the four couples featured in this documentary clearly demonstrate, partners who do not discuss their religious differences and how they plan to raise their children early in the relationship may be greatly surprised by the intense feelings and the change of heart that the

birth of a child evokes. The subject may be emotionally charged, especially with each religion's heavy historical baggage, but Kaplan consistently treats her interviewees with respect, allowing the unfolding of what is essentially a lifelong process for the individual and the family.

#### Brandeis University Press

*The Besht: Magician, Mystic, and Leader*  
Immanuel Etkes

Available for the first time in English, this biography of the Baal Shem Tov, the founder of Hasidism, focuses on the origins of the movement and the historical authenticity of its mythic founder. Etkes portrays the cultural-religious climate of the eighteenth century where kabbalistic mysticism flourished. Etkes affectionately portrays the Besht as childlike mystic—human and down to earth.

*Orientalism and the Jews*  
Ivan Davidson Kalmar and Derek J. Penslar, eds.

This book goes beyond established thought to argue that orientalism is based on the Christian West's attempt to understand and manage its relations with both of its monotheistic others—Muslims and Jews. According to the editors, Jews have almost always been present whenever occidentals talked about or imagined the East; and the Western image of the Muslim Orient has been formed and continues to be formed in inextricable conjunction with Western perceptions of the Jewish people.

*The Jewish 1960s: An American Sourcebook*  
Michel E. Staub, ed.

This book introduces a new generation of interested readers to some of the finest essays, speeches, and journalistic accounts by Jewish commentators, spokespersons, prominent rabbis, civil rights and antiwar activists, radical Zionists, counter-cultural leaders, and their critics. This volume brings together materials from Jews on the right as well as the left, as it chronicles an important era in Jewish and American history.



# Alumni Spotlight

**Michael M. Kaiser '75**

Washington, D.C.



Brandeis University

**Major:**  
Economics with a  
music minor

**Favorite Professor:**  
Anne Carter

**Toughest Class:**  
Linear Algebra

**Favorite Campus  
Spot:**  
Spingold Theater

**Most Memorable  
Brandeis Moment:**  
Almost losing  
9,000,000 numbers  
when a reasearch  
project crashed on  
a computer

Michael M. Kaiser is equally at ease when dealing with business or the Muses. He is president of the John F. Kennedy Center, the country's premiere venue for the performing arts. Previously, he served as executive director of the Royal Opera House, the United Kingdom's largest performing arts organization, and held similar positions with the American Ballet Theatre and the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater Foundation. He also founded the corporate consulting firm, Kaiser Associates.

"I've been in the corporate world, but for the last 20 years, I have been focused on the arts," Michael says. "I feel what I do is very creative—to select artists, to curate and market art, to produce and book theater. All of that makes use of the concepts of systems I learned as an economics major at Brandeis."

Michael's mentor, economics professor Anne Carter, gave him advice he has never forgotten: "She said that if you don't know an answer, then you should trust your judgment and make an educated guess—be cavalier, in the best sense of the word. So I've dared to be cavalier, and that's made a big difference in my life."

Michael's most recent visit to Brandeis found him teaching a class with the International Business School's Peter Petri, Dean and Carl Shapiro Professor of International Finance.

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For the School. For the future.*

## Alumni Leadership Retreat



Paul Zlotoff '72, President, Alumni Association, and Commander Lewin Wright '84 on board the *U.S.S. Constitution*

Throughout the weekend of October 15-17, alumni gathered for the Brandeis University Alumni Association's 2004 Alumni Leadership Retreat, BAMD! Brandeis Alumni Making a Difference: Leadership Even Unto its Innermost Parts, a weekend of activities intended to inspire and inform visiting alumni leaders. Returning to campus from across the country, alumni enjoyed presentations and discussions including hands-on workshops on regional alumni club involvement, the Alumni Admissions Council, Alumni Annual Fund and Reunion programs, and fostering volunteer leadership development. Participants had an opportunity to network

with distinguished alumni speakers, alumni faculty, and University administrators.

Highlights of the weekend included Friday's keynote speaker Eli Segal '64, founding CEO of AmeriCorps, and a guided tour of the *U.S.S. Constitution* led by Saturday evening's keynote speaker, Commander Lewin Wright '84.

Several awards were also presented to deserving alumni leaders. Sharyn T. Sooho '69, immediate past-president of the Alumni Association, received the 2004 Service to Association Award for her years of leadership as a member of the Minority Alumni Network Steering Committee, Alumni Admissions Council, Alumni National Campaign Committee, and

Alumni Association Board of Directors. Leslie Effron Levin '94 received the Young Leadership Award for her work with her class and in New York City with the Young Lawyers Network and Justice Brandeis Society Emerging Leaders. Chuck Kamine '74 and Darlene Kamine '74, the newly nominated president of the Alumni Association, received the 2004 Alumni Admissions Council Service Award for their leadership and devoted service to the Alumni Admissions Council.

Darlene Kamine '74 and Laurie Slater Albert '74 chaired the leadership retreat and are members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors.



Phyllis Lewin Rodgers '67 pours a sample from her winery, Chateau Felice, during the Leadership Wine Tasting



Leslie Effron Levin '94 accepts the Young Leadership Award





Alumni aboard the  
*U.S.S. Constitution*



Sharyn T. Sooho '69  
accepts the 2004 Service to  
Association Award



Alumni Admissions Council  
(AAC) Coordinator, Sharon  
Rosenberg '01, presents Darlene  
'74 and Chuck '74 Kamine with  
the 2004 Alumni Admissions  
Council Service Award



## Annual Alumni Events

### Alumni Club of Greater Boston

The Annual Holiday Reception on December 5 at The Rose Art Museum featured a talk by Joseph Ketner, Henry and Lois Foster Director, about the current exhibits and the future of the museum and a performance by student a cappella group, Starving Artists. Detlev H. Suderow '70 and Ellen Beth Lande '73 cochaired the event.

### Alumni Club of Southern California

Gathering at the Hollywood Bowl is fun for natives and alumni new to the L.A. area. This year, Deborah N. Chariton '91 chaired the September 5 event.

### Alumni Club of England

The 17th Annual Alumni-Student Thanksgiving Tea was held on November 21 at the home of Alberta Gotthardt Strage '56 in London. This year's speaker

was Tal Potishman, senior finance manager, McLaren, who made a presentation about the making of a \$500,000 super car—the new McLaren Mercedes SLR.

### Alumni Club of Long Island

Risa Beth Glaser '85 continues to offer tickets to alumni for the quarterfinal matches of the U.S. Open Tennis Championships at the Arthur Ashe Stadium in Flushing. This year they attended the events on September 9.

### Alumni Clubs of Philadelphia and Chicago

Summer concerts are great times for alumni to get together. On July 21 the Philadelphia alumni attended a Marvin Hamlisch concert at The Mann Center for the Performing Arts. On August 7, Elena E. Silberman Scott '92 organized a group outing at Ravinia.



The Brandeis House Holiday Party was fun for New York regional alumni on December 2

## Alumni Clubs

Contact any of the club leaders via the email addresses below or call the Office of Development and Alumni Relations for information at 781-736-4100. Please contact the Minority Alumni Network directly to be included on their mailing list.

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### West Coast Florida

Sylvia Haft Firschein '55, P'87

and Joan A. Greenberger

Gurgold '53

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Joy Goldstein-Beigelman '96,  
Elana Brown Bourkoff '95,  
and Rachel Greenfield '95  
enjoy the first Family Network  
event at the Children's  
Museum of Manhattan

## A New Network for Young Families

The brainchild of Brandeis alumni Rachel Greenfield '95 and Leslie Efron Levin '94, the Family Network was launched in the New York City area this past fall. Rachel and Leslie were eager for the Alumni Association to offer programs that better accommodated families with young children by offering diverse programs on the weekends or at times that were more appropriate for small children. Additionally, Wendy Morris Berliner '95 heads up a group for Boston

alumni. If you would like to sign up for the Family Network mailing list, are interested in getting involved, or have ideas for programming, please contact us in New York City at 212-472-1501 ext. 232 or email [nycfamily@alumni.brandeis.edu](mailto:nycfamily@alumni.brandeis.edu) or in Boston at 781-736-4102 or [bostonfamily@alumni.brandeis.edu](mailto:bostonfamily@alumni.brandeis.edu).



### Alumni Club of New York City

Brandeis alumnus Mark Pearlman '78, chairman of the board for the Children's Museum of Manhattan, assisted the Alumni Club of New York City in developing the network's first program. Mark made it possible for Brandeis families to gather on November 7 before the

museum opened for a private tour, including the new Dr. Seuss exhibit. Families then had access to the full museum for the remainder of the day.

### Houston

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Benjamin Reed '06  
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Men's rugby vs. Nichols College during the Rugby Alumni Reunion

## Homecoming 2004

Alumni returned to campus October 15–16 for Homecoming 2004 with current students. The weekend of events featured special reunions including WBRS-Brandeis Radio (which included panel discussions and a student/alumni networking dinner), Ethics and Coexistence Student Fellows, TYP (Transitional

Year Program) with Terrie Williams '75, an alumni softball game, alumni Lacrosse Club game, and a rugby match. There was also a Stein Night in honor of the Class of 2004 and a reception and dedication of the Class Gift Wall.

Plan to return for next year's festivities October 28–30.



Alumni softball game

## Alumni Share Their Expertise

Regional clubs invite their own members to share their expertise on a variety of topics. If you are interested in speaking or opening up your home to host a program, please contact your Club president directly or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 781-736-4100, 800-333-1948, or [office@alumni.brandeis.edu](mailto:office@alumni.brandeis.edu).

### Alumni Club of New York City

The Lawyers Network hosted a presidential election preview on October 4 at Brandeis House with speakers Joshua Seth Ketover '93, partner, Kirk Medina Lipton & Ketover, LLP, and Jason A. Levine '91, partner, McDermott Will & Emery LLP. Julie Krasnigor '92 and Samuel Ramer '85 cochaired the event. The Allied Health Professionals Network hosted Michael Steven

Sparer, Ph.D. '92, professor, Joseph L. Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, for a talk about Health Care and the 2004 Presidential Election on October 12 at Brandeis House. The Entrepreneurs Network invited John Reid '72, chairman of the board, Cross Cultural Solutions, to speak about his career path as a self-starter. They met on October 19 at Brandeis





TYP Alumni Reception with Terrie Williams '75 (right)



Ethics and Coexistence Student Fellows Reunion



Alumni lacrosse game



WBRS-Brandeis Radio Alumni Reunion

House. On November 9, an Alumni in Media Panel and Reception took place at Brandeis House with the following panelists: Marlys Harris '67, senior editor, *Consumer Reports*; Jessica Ramer Herzberg '94, producer, *The Early Show*; Donald Silvey '84, Strategic Planning and New Business Development, Rodale; and Greg Zuckerman '88, special writer, *The Wall Street Journal*.

#### Alumni Club of Washington, D.C.

On October 10, Jan Solomon '73 chaired a presidential election preview with alumni speakers William Schneider '66, CNN senior political analyst; Allan Jay Lichtman '67, professor of history, American

University; and Alan Ehrenhalt '68, executive editor, *Governing* magazine. Ilana Bar-Levav '78 hosted the event in her Bethesda home. Jodi L. Lyons '88 organized a group to see a screening of *Mixed Blessings*, a film by Jennifer Kaplan '86. Then, on December 16, Larry Lipnick, P'01, P'05, hosted an event for alumni and friends at the St. Gregory Hotel. Building a

Financial Franchise was the topic for alumni speakers Mitchell H. Caplan '79, CEO, E\*Trade Financial, and Philip H. Budwick '93, author, *The Option Trader Handbook: Strategies and Trade Adjustments*. Seth L. Spergel '99 chaired the event.

## New-Student Send-Offs

The Alumni Association's Alumni Clubs and Alumni Admissions Councils sponsored New-Student Send-Offs for the Class of 2008. In addition to introducing the students to fellow classmates and upperclass students, these events help us to educate them early about the



New student Carly Field '08 (center) and parents Bob and Debbie at Northern California Send-Off

University and its alumni. This is the first step toward their understanding of the special nature of the large and supportive Brandeis University community. We thank all of the alumni who offered to help the students and their families during this major transition. The Alumni Association also recognizes the generosity of the following hosts and volunteers for their help in organizing this year's gatherings: Nancy Shulman '73 and Harriet Becker Jedeikin '53 in Western Massachusetts; Adam M. Greenwald '98 and Joel Leffler '71 in Dallas/Fort Worth; Eli '83 and Deborah Davis '82 Patashnik in Seattle; Manuel Reich '78 in Pittsburgh; Sharon Lupcher Kasman '82 in the greater Albany area; Eric '70 and

JoAnn Pasternack, parents of Rebecca Taurog '00, in Minneapolis/St. Paul; Barbara Kirsner Berg '76 in Baltimore; Dan '79 and Elizabeth Etra '81 Jick in the greater Boston area; Mark Surchin '78 in Toronto; Caryn Diamond Wasserstein '92 and Ike '54 and Jeanette Winston '54 Goodman in Northern California; Rachel Cristina Hernandez '92 and David Tierney '62 in Arizona; Kenneth '77 and Eileen Schnall '78 Winter in the greater Philadelphia area; Doug and Cindy Pollard, parents of Andrew '05 and Jordan '07, in Central Massachusetts; Adrienne Cohen Rosenblatt '61 and Stuart '75 and Joan '75 Margolis in Connecticut; Steven '73 and Shelly Carvel, parents of David '07, in Maine/New Hampshire; Fran Shonfeld Sherman '84 in the greater Chicago area; Maxine Dachslager Goodman '87 in Houston; David '73 and Phyllis

Brenner '75 Coburn, parents of Avi '04 and Brian '07, in the greater Washington, D.C., area; Sydelle and Robert Knepper, parents of Stephanie '04, on Long Island; Deborah Dragon '95 and Stan Brooks '79 in Southern California; Amy and Adam '82 Raboy in Westchester County; Douglas Monasebian '84 and Danny Lehrman '64 in New York City; Minette and Fred '73 Herman, parents of Scott '07, in South Florida; Michael and Barbara Amdurer, parents of Francesca '07, in Denver; Merry Firschein '87 and Larry '75 and Margie Rachelson '75 Samuels, parents of Rebecca '02, in Northern New Jersey; and Esther Gerson Levine '62 and Toby Director, parent of Avi Goldman '07, in Atlanta.

## Alumni and the Arts

### Alumni Club of Greater Boston

Alumni attended gallery nights for two local alumni artists this fall. On October 20, they enjoyed a viewing and discussion with Michael V. David '77, professor of painting and printmaking, Art Institute of Boston at Lesley University, at the

Pepper Gallery on Newbury Street. On November 18, Peter Lipsitt '61 hosted alumni to view his newest work on exhibit at the newly relocated Boston Sculptors Gallery in the SOWA Arts District. Etta Lappen Davis '73 and Arthur M. Feinstein '67, M.F.A. '04, P'98, P'01, P'08, cochaired a group at the Lydian String Quartet concert on November 14

at Slosberg Recital Hall. Alumni packed the house at a performance of *The Who's Tommy* on December 2 at the Spingold Theater Center. Alumni were also able to meet Eric Hill, The Barbara Cantor Sherman '54 and Malcolm L. Sherman Chair and Director of Theater Arts. Melissa Bank Stepno '99 chaired the event.





**South Florida Send-Off** with hosts Fred '73, P'07, and Minette Herman, P'07, Susan Eisenberg Jay '71, AAC chair, Sumner Packer '53, Scott Herman '07, and Gil Drozdow '79, club president



**Westchester County Send-Off**



**Northern California Send-off** hosts Jeanette Winston Goodman '54 and Ike Goodman '54



**Washington, D.C., Send-Off**

### **Alumni Club of New York City**

Alumni were presented with a reduced admission fee and reception on October 28 at the AAF Contemporary Art Fair on Pier 92. The Resonance Ensemble presented a rare Off-Broadway revival of Maxim

Gorky's *The Lower Depths*, directed by Eric Parness '98. The production's dramaturge was Branden Kornell '98 and Rachel Reiner '97 is the managing director of the company. Alumni attended a performance, talk back, and reception on June 23 at the Manhattan Ensemble Theater.

### **Alumni Club of Washington, D.C.**

Sara L. Cormeny '92 and Wendy E. Finn '85 organized a group to see *The Diary of Anne Frank* at the Round House Theatre on December 5.

## Networking



Alumni and students gather for a Post-Thanksgiving Day Breakfast in Jerusalem: Sandra Ross Lozowick '81, Miriam Laufer '79, Mark S. Cohen '78, Hanna Cohen '09, Esti Schloss '09, Jordan Smedresman '09, and Peretz Rodman '75, M.A. '83

Though alumni and other Brandeis constituents are encouraged to "network" at every event, some programs are more focused on networking itself as a means for people to connect through a common career pursuit, place of residence, or special interest. Here's a sampling of such events being held for alumni.

### Alumni Club of New York City

Wine connoisseurs were treated to a free wine tasting at Brandeis House on June 30. The Lawyers Network hosted their Fall Networking Reception on November 17 at Bliss Bar and Lounge.

### Alumni Club of Israel

Mark Cohen '78, of Long Island, invited alumni and students to a Post-Thanksgiving Day Breakfast on Friday, November 26, at Jerusalem's Inbal Hotel.

### Alumni Club of Washington, D.C.

Networking in and around Washington, D.C., allows alumni to gather near their homes or workplaces. On November 10, Shaw Skurnick '97 chaired a happy hour event in Arlington, VA, at Bailey's Pub and on October 20, Sara L. Cormeny '92 organized a group outing at Cafe Saint Ex in D.C.

## Recent Graduates Network

If you would like to help with the Network in your city, contact your local club president or the Office of Alumni Relations at 781-736-4100, 800-333-1948, or [office@alumni.brandeis.edu](mailto:office@alumni.brandeis.edu).

### Alumni Club of Greater Boston

Network cochair, Eli Strick '00 and Jenn Klein '02, and their committee organized a busy summer and fall schedule of programs. On July 7, they gathered at Cambridge's FiRE + iCE for a happy hour. David A. Klein '02 and Ariyah S. Yeskel '02

organized a welcome to the new class of graduates at a special reception and happy hour at Tia's on the Waterfront on August 26. Melissa Bank Stepno '99 and Faye S. Cohen '03 organized a wine tasting at Best Cellars in Brookline on September 22. Rachel A. Rhodes '95 found five local rock bands that feature Brandeis alumni for a Rocktober Brandeis Band Night on October 29 at Skybar. The alumni bands included David B. Kuznick '88 with The New England Guitar Circle; Gregory A. Wilson, Ph.D. '02, and Aaron G. Moulin '99 of The Road; Adam R. Zirkin '01 of Sputnik's Down; Rachel A. Rhodes '95 of Trine; and

William J. Hewett, Jr., '98, of The Modeles. Then on November 17, Bram Axelrod '03 gathered a group for bowling and pizza at the Milky Way Lounge and Lanes.

### Alumni Club of Chicago

Steven A. Wander '97 organized an outing on the lake for beach volleyball on July 18.

### Alumni Club of New York City

Dalya H. Levin '04 chaired a community service event on October 10 at St. Francis

Xavier Welcome Table. The Costumes and Cocktails happy hour was held on October 27 at Brandeis House. And on December 16, Sharon Goldsmith '04 and Lisa Goldstein '94 cochaired the annual Holiday Happy Hour at the Mad River Bar & Grille.

### Alumni Club of Washington, D.C.

Erika Jill Weinstein '97, Caryn D. Mark '97, and Carrie E. Port '01 took advantage of the free Movies on the Mall night on July 19, and invited fellow alumni along to join them.



## Legacy Reception

Current students and alumni with family ties to one another attended the annual Legacy Reception

on October 22 as part of Fall Fest (Family Weekend) hosted by Richard '74, Donna, and Judith '05 Lupatkin. The event took place in Rapaport Treasure Hall in the Brandeis Libraries, where

the Lupatkins welcomed families and shared their most memorable experiences of Brandeis and what it means to be a legacy family.

## Alumni Clubs Host Faculty

Brandeis University and the Alumni Association offer the Faculty-in-the-Field program throughout the country and abroad. If you are interested in becoming involved in your area, contact your Club president directly or contact the Office of Alumni Relations, at 781-736-4100, 800-333-1948, or [office@alumni.brandeis.edu](mailto:office@alumni.brandeis.edu).

### Alumni Club of Greater Boston

The Brandeis Breakfast Series started the 2004–05 season on October 19 with Jody Hoffer Gittel, assistant professor of management, chair of the General Human Services concentration for the M.B.A. program, The Heller School for Social Policy and Management. She shared information from her book, *The Southwest Airlines Way: Using the Power of Relationships to Achieve High Performance*, and research on relational

coordination—coordinating work through shared goals, shared knowledge, and mutual respect—demonstrating its performance effects and how organizations can foster it. The series ended the calendar year on December 7 with Stephen J. Whitfield, Ph.D. '72, Max Richter Professor of American Civilization, and his discussion on *The Pentagon Papers: National Security vs. Freedom of the Press*. Etta Lappen Davis '73 and Dori Stern, M.J.C. '80, cochair the series, which meets in the Gosman Sports and Convocation Center. The Downtown Lunch Series kicked off with a discussion about entrepreneurship and specifically about how it is taught at Brandeis's International Business School. Chuck Reed, professor of the practice of entrepreneurship, International Business School, spoke with alumni on November 10 at the offices of Brown Rudnick

Berlack Israels LLP in Boston. Lawrence Uchill '69, partner at Brown Rudnick, hosts our series and Barbara Cantor Sherman '54 and Mitchell H. Cohen '76 are the cochairs.

### Alumni Club of England

Professor John Ballantine of the International Business School met with alumni and guests on July 9 at the Tanaka Business School Forum, Imperial College London. Effy Ritter '99, M.A. '00, organized his talk, which was titled "Oil Shock: Its Effects on Financial Markets and Politics."

### Alumni of Atlanta

Lisa Mehler Cohen '63 hosted alumni for a Faculty-in-the-Field program on September 19 with Thomas Doherty, associate professor of film studies (on the Sam Spiegel Fund) and chair of the Film Studies Program. He showed clips

and discussed topics from his new book *Cold War, Cool Medium: Television, McCarthyism, and American Culture*.

### Alumni Clubs of Baltimore and Chicago

Jonathan D. Sarna '75, M.A. '75, Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History, has been traveling while promoting his award-winning book, *American Judaism: A History*. On September 20, alumni joined him at an event at Baltimore Hebrew University, and then on October 5, alumni gathered in Northfield, IL, to hear him speak.

### Alumni Club of Westchester County

Benjamin Gomes-Casseres '75, associate professor of international business, director, M.B.A.i. Program, International Business School, spoke at the home of club president Davida Shapiro Scher '69 in Rye Brook on November 14.

## Alumni Travel to Greece



President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, and Professor Shulamit Reinharz, Ph.D. '77, with fellow alumni and friends in Greece in 2002. They enjoyed a visit to Sicily in 2004, and will explore Russia in 2005! For more information: <http://alumni.brandeis.edu/travel>

## Upcoming Alumni Events

For a current calendar of activities or for more details, visit <http://alumni.brandeis.edu>, or watch your mail for invitations to the following programs (subject to change).

### New York City

**March 22**

Performing Arts Reception with Eric Hill, The Barbara Cantor Sherman '54 and Malcolm L. Sherman Chair and Director of Theater Arts

### West Coast Florida

**March 26**

Faculty-in-the-Field with Ann Koloski-Ostrow, associate professor of classical studies

### Greater Boston

**March 30**

Meet the Massachusetts Public Officials: Judge Johnathan Brant '68, Representative Jay R. Kaufman '68, Governor's Councillor Mary-Ellen Manning '84, and House Majority Leader John H. Rogers '87

### Greater Boston

Minority Alumni Network

**April 3**

*Constant Star* featuring Laiona Michelle, M.F.A. '00, as Ida B. Wells

### Long Island

**April 3**

Faculty-in-the-Field with Gordon A. Fellman, professor of sociology



## Nominate an Outstanding Teacher

Alumni are invited to submit nominations for the seventh annual competition for the Jeanette Lerman-Neubauer '69 and Joseph Neubauer Prize for Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring. Selection is based on the following criteria:

- demonstrated excellence in teaching
- a significant impact on students' lives (e.g., mentoring, advising, befriending)

- involvement in the cocurricular and extracurricular life of the campus

The award carries a stipend of \$5,000 and will be presented at the faculty meeting on April 21, 2005.

Additionally, nominations are being accepted for two other teaching awards with stipends of \$1,000, which will also be announced at the April 21 faculty meeting: the Michael L. Walzer '56 Award for Teaching and the Louis Dembitz Brandeis Prize for Excellence in Teaching.

To nominate a member of the Brandeis faculty, please submit the person's name and a one to two paragraph statement indicating your reasons for nominating this individual. Please send nominations to the Office of the Dean of Arts and Sciences, MS 120, before Monday, March 28. You may also email your nominations to [ewong@brandeis.edu](mailto:ewong@brandeis.edu).

Dr. Joanna Leary is collecting information for a biography of Henri Thomas, a French writer who was a member of the staff at Brandeis University from September 1958 to April 1960. She asks that anyone with information please contact her:

12 Brook Manor  
Turners Hill Road  
East Grinstead  
Sussex RH 19 4 LX, U.K.

Phone: 00 44 77 11 292 191  
Email: [joannaleary@attglobal.net](mailto:joannaleary@attglobal.net)

### Greater Boston April 5

Brandeis Breakfast Series with Gordon A. Fellman, professor of sociology

### Alumni Association April 8-9

Board of Directors Meeting

### Greater Boston April 10

Film screening of *Rene and I: From Auschwitz to America* by Zeva Oelbaum '77

### Chicago April 10

Faculty-in-the-Field with Steven Burg, Adlai Stevenson Professor of International Politics

### Greater Boston April 17

Brandeis-Wellesley Orchestra Concert

### Northern New Jersey April 17

Faculty-in-the-Field with Robert J. Art, Christian A. Herter Professor of International Relations

### Southern California May 15

Faculty-in-the-Field with Thomas Doherty, associate professor of film studies (on the Sam Spiegel Fund)

### 50th Reunion May 19-22

Class of 1955

### Northern California June 5

Faculty-in-the-Field with Dan Kryder, associate professor of politics

### Alumni College June 10

See back cover for details

### Reunion Weekend June 10-12

Classes of 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000

### Russian River Cruise June 29-July 5



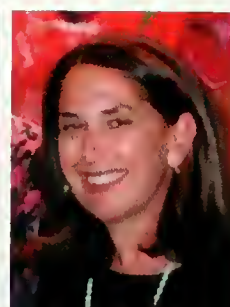
Victor Ney '81



Allen B. Alter '71



Lewin Wright '84



Laurie Slater Albert '74



Darlene Green  
Kamine '74, P'03



Detlev H. Suderow  
'70, P'05

## Election Slate 2005-06

The Alumni Association is pleased to present the following slate of officers for 2005-06.

### President

**Darlene Green Kamine '74, P'03**

Cincinnati, OH

Personal: Married to Charles H. Kamine '74, one daughter, Elida '03

Professional: Attorney, Kamine & Schilling  
Education: B.A., American studies; J.D., University of Denver

Brandeis Activities: 1st vice president, Alumni Association Board of Directors, 2003-present; member, Alumni National Campaign Committee, 2003-present; cochair, Alumni Admissions Council, 1992-present; cochair, BAMD! 2004 Alumni Leadership Retreat; 2004 Alumni Admissions Council Award; member, 30th and 25th Reunion Gift Committees; 2003 Service to Association Award; copresident, Alumni Club of Cincinnati, and member, Alumni Association Board of Directors, 1998-2003; lifetime member, National Women's Committee

### Vice Presidents

**Victor Ney '81**

Brooklyn, NY

Personal: Married to Karen Binder '82, three children

Professional: Director of Business Operations, URI Press

Education: B.A., history, economics; M.B.A., University of Michigan  
Brandeis Activities: Vice president, Alumni Association Board of Directors, 2003-present; cochair, Alumni Association Finance Committee, 2003-present; member, Alumni National Campaign Committee, 2003-present; member, Alumni Admissions Council; president, Alumni Club of New York City, and member, Alumni Association Board of Directors, 2001-03; member-at-large, Alumni Association Board of Directors, 1998-2001; chair, 15th and 20th Reunion Program Committees; chair, 1948 Society Committee, 1997-98

**Steven M. Sheinman '79**

Golden Beach, FL

Personal: Married to Cheryl Hashman Sheinman '79, two children

Professional: Anesthesiologist, Sheridan Healthcorp  
Education: B.A., biology; M.D., SUNY at Stony Brook School of Medicine  
Brandeis Activities: Member-at-large, Alumni Association

Board of Directors, 2004-present; member, Alumni National Campaign Committee, 2003-present; member, Alumni Club of South Florida Committee; vice president, Alumni Association Board of Directors, 2001-03; president, Alumni Club of South Florida, and member, Alumni Association Board of Directors, 1998-2001; member, 20th and 25th Reunion Gift Committees; member, Alumni Association Nominating Committee, 1999; member, Alumni Admissions Council, 1995-96

**Detlev H. Suderow '70, P'05**

Lexington, MA

Personal: Married to Ellen Beth Lande '73, P'05, two children, including Alexander '05

Professional: Senior vice president of human resources, FLIR Systems  
Education: B.A., sociology; M.A., Tufts University  
Brandeis Activities: Member, Alumni Association Board of Directors, 2004-present; cochair, Alumni Association Regional Clubs Committee, 2004-present; member, Alumni National Campaign Committee, 2003-present; immediate past president, Alumni Club of Greater Boston; member, 20th

and 25th Reunion Gift Committees; member, Friends of Brandeis Athletics, 1980-95; member, Alumni Chapter Steering Committee, 1993

**Clare T. Tully '80**

Rockport, ME

Personal: Divorced, three children

Professional: Consultant, Stasson & Beeman, LLC  
Education: B.A., politics, sociology, women's studies; J.D., University of Michigan Law School

Brandeis Activities: Member-at-large, Alumni Association Board of Directors, 2001-present; cochair, Alumni Association Annual Fund Committee, 2003-present; member, Alumni National Campaign Committee, 2003-present; member, Alumni Admissions Council; member, 10th, 15th, 20th, and 25th Reunion Gift Committees; chair, 15th and 20th Reunion Program Committees; creator, Brandeis entertainment industry trade alumni group

### Members-at-Large

**Laurie Slater Albert '74**

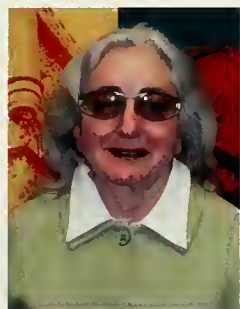
Malibu, CA

Personal: Married to Stephen Mark Albert, three children  
Education: B.A., art history; M.A., art history, University of Southern California  
Brandeis Activities: President, Alumni Club of Southern California, and member, Alumni





**Clare T. Tully '80**



**Barbara Krasin Kravitz  
'57, P'79**



**Steven M. Sheinman '79**



**Susan M. Deutsch '62**



**Daniel H. Blumenthal '85**

Association Board of Directors, 2002–present; member, Alumni Admissions Council; cochair, BAMD! 2004 Alumni Leadership Retreat; member, Alumni National Campaign Committee, 2003–present; member, 25th and 30th Reunion Gift Committees; coordinator, 25th Reunion Yearbook; member and regional chair, Alumni Admissions Council, 1999–2002

**Allen B. Alter '71**

New York, NY  
Professional: Senior coordinator, 48 Hours, CBS News  
Education: B.A., history  
Brandeis Activities: Member, Alumni National Campaign Committee, 2003–present; speaker, BAMD! 2004 Alumni Leadership Retreat; chair, 25th Reunion Gift Committee

**Daniel H. Blumenthal '85**

Glencoe, IL  
Personal: Married to Rebecca N. Blumenthal  
Professional: Managing director, Willis Stein & Partner  
Education: B.A., economics, history; J.D., Harvard Law School  
Brandeis Activities: Member, Alumni National Campaign Committee, 2003–present; member, Alumni Admissions Council; cochair, 20th Reunion Committee; member, 15th Reunion Gift Committee

**Susan M. Deutsch '62**

Hastings-on-Hudson, NY  
Personal: Married to F. Carlisle Towery, three children, five + grandchildren  
Professional: President, Capital Initiatives, Ltd.  
Education: Brandeis, 1958–61; B.A., 1962, Brooklyn College, NYC; M.S.U.P. (Master of Science in Urban Planning), Columbia University  
Brandeis Activities: Member-at-large, Alumni Association Board of Directors, 2003–present; cochair, Alumni Association Regional Clubs Committee, 2003–present; member, Alumni National Campaign Committee, 2003–present; member, Alumni Club of Westchester County Committee; president, Alumni Club of Westchester County, and member, Alumni Association Board of Directors, 1998–2002; member, 40th Reunion Gift Committee; member, 1948 Society Committee, 1998

**Barbara Krasin Kravitz  
'57, P'79**

Hampton, NH  
Personal: Married to S. Wendell Kravitz, three children, including son, Randall '79  
Professional: Chairman, Kravitz & Company Ltd.  
Education: B.A., American studies  
Brandeis Activities: Member, Board of Fellows,

1965–present; member-at-large, Alumni Association Board of Directors, 1965–67, 2002–present; member, Alumni National Campaign Committee, 2003–present; coordinator, 40th Reunion Yearbook; cochair, 35th and 40th Reunion Gift Committees; chair, 30th Reunion Program Committee; 1973 Alumni Service to Association Award

**Adam Raboy '82**

Scarsdale, NY  
Personal: Married to Amy Joy Raboy, three children  
Professional: Managing partner, Credit-Suisse First Boston Corporation  
Education: B.A., American studies, politics; M.B.A., Dartmouth College  
Brandeis Activities: Overseer, Dean's Global Business Council, International Business School, 2003–present; member, Alumni National Campaign Committee, 2003–present; cochair, 2005 Golf Outing Finance Committee; chair, 15th and 20th Reunion Program Committees

**Bram D. Weber '97**

New York, NY  
Professional: Attorney, Weber Law Group  
Education: B.A., history, American studies; J.D., Hofstra University  
Brandeis Activities: Member-at-large, Alumni Association Board of Directors, 2003–

present; cochair, Alumni Association Annual Fund Committee, 2003–present; member, Alumni National Campaign Committee, 2003–present; chair, 2005 Golf Outing Course Operations and Facilities Committee; member, Alumni Club of New York City Real Estate Network Committee; 2003–present; member, Alumni Admissions Council; member, Alumni Club of New York City Recent Graduates Network Committee, 2003–04; cochair, Alumni Club of New York City Recent Graduates Network Committee, 2002–03; member, 5th Reunion Gift Committee

**Lewin Wright '84**

Fort Lauderdale, FL  
Professional: United States Navy, Commanding Officer, U.S.S. Constitution  
Education: B.A., computer science; M.B.A., Benedictine College  
Brandeis Activities: keynote speaker, BAMD! 2004 Alumni Leadership Retreat

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Sharyn T. Sooho '69, Chair  
Laurie Slater Albert '74  
Jonathan G. Davis '75  
Bruce B. Litwer '61  
Barbara Cohen Rosenberg '54  
Michael A. Saivetz '97

# Brandeis

## Class Notes

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## 1952

Diana Laskin Siegal, Class Correspondent, 28 Leamington Road, Brighton, MA 02135 1952notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Perhaps influenced by Max Lerner and Eleanor Roosevelt, about 20 percent of class members with current email addresses have held public positions. The most recent is **Leonard VanGaasbeek** who was elected to the board of selectmen in Hollis, ME. A special exhibit of the late **Burton Berinsky's** photos of John F. Kennedy's campaigns is on display until May 2005 at the JFK Library & Museum at Columbia Point, Boston. Burt's family donated his photos to the library's archives after his death in 1991. Included in the archives are Burt's shots taken at the March on Selma and from Robert Kennedy's

about the Boston area. Yes, I have mentioned Brandeis, tenderly, in a chapter."

## 1954

William Marsh, Class Correspondent, 5113 Castlerock Way, Naples, FL 34112 1954notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

## 1955

**50th Reunion**  
**May 20-22, 2005**  
Judith Paull Aronson, Class Correspondent, 838 N. Doheny Drive, #906, Los Angeles, CA 90069 1955notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Reunion cochairs, **Susan Mandel Prusky** and **Phyllis Ostrow Hurwitz** write, "To the Class of '55. Our golden year Reunion weekend is fast approaching. The response from our classmates has been overwhelming. We're looking forward to a very special Reunion, including a preweekend gathering and dinner at the home of one of our classmates. We can't wait to see you back on campus for our 50th on May 20-22, 2005! Brandeisians **Nancy Wolkenberg Greenblatt '55**, **Deborah Lewis Raboy '57**, **Moriel Schlesinger '57**, and **Paula Schilling Fine**, performed at the Berkshire Choral Festival during the first week of August in 2004

## 1956

Leona Feldman Curhan, Class Correspondent, 366 River Road, Carlisle, MA 01741 1956notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Our 50th Reunion is coming! Save The Dates!** May 19-21, 2006. Wow! Can you believe it? Fifty years! Let's all celebrate! Buy a new pair of marching shoes! Join the commencement procession! Be there! See you on campus!

## 1953

Abraham Heller, Class Correspondent, 1400 Runnymede Road, Dayton, OH 45419 1953notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Henry Jacob Miller** writes, "A book I have written, *The Mass Ave Passages* (Brookline Books, 2004), was published and is available in bookstores. The book is about 78,000 words and is

## 1957

Wynne Wolkenberg Miller, Class Correspondent, 14 Larkspur Road, Waban, MA 02468 1957notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Evelyn Fox Keller** was selected as a 2004-05 Fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study. Her project is entitled "Development, Intersubjectivity and Dynamical Systems." Evelyn is a professor of history and philosophy of science at MIT who is regarded as America's foremost scholar on issues of science and gender. The Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University is a scholarly community where individuals pursue advanced work across a wide range of academic disciplines, professions, and creative arts. **Moriel Schlesinger** and fellow Brandeisians **Nancy Wolkenberg Greenblatt '55**, **Deborah Lewis Raboy** and **Paula Schilling Fine '55**, performed at the Berkshire Choral Festival during the first week of August in 2004. Muriel writes, "So many Brandeisians out of a chorus of 225!"

## 1958

Judith Brecher Borakove, Class Correspondent, 10 East End Avenue, #2-F, New York, NY 10021 1958notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**David E. Cohen** retired from the practice of internal medicine in Great Neck, NY, and moved to West Palm Beach, FL, to join **David Gold** at IBIS. **Paula Gordon** writes, "I'm still working at Indiana University. I am director of my department, student legal services, a clinical program for law interns and students enrolled at IU. I keep in touch with my Brandeis roommates and spent a wonderful day in New York City with **Alice Miller Shelleff**, but I'd love to know how our classmates are and what they are doing!"

## 1959

Sunny Sunshine Brownrout, Class Correspondent, 87 Old Hill Road, Westport, CT 06880 1959notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Judith Olef Goldner** was a recipient of a 2003 Arc of



Evelyn Fox Keller '57

Massachusetts Distinguished Citizen award for her contribution to individuals with cognitive and developmental disabilities, in connection with the Special Needs Arts Fund. The Arc has been an advocate since 1954, promoting legislation, supporting educational programs, employment, and housing among other goals on behalf of citizens of the Commonwealth with developmental disabilities.

## 1960

**45th Reunion**  
**June 10-12, 2005**  
Joan Silverman Wallack, Class Correspondent, 28 Linden Shores, #2B, Branford, CT 06405 1960notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Steve Rudin** writes, "I'm still working, but slowly cutting down. I'm phasing from clinical practice to teaching both in the Boston area and down south in Southeast Florida. I was appointed professor in the psychopharmacology program at Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, and as adjunct professor in the psychopharmacology program of the psychology department at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale. I also have 10 grandchildren (including twins)! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at Reunion 2005."

## 1961

Judith Leavitt Schatz, Class Correspondent, 139 Cumberland Road, Leominster, MA 01453 1961notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Fran Perlman Freedman** is senior vice president of public affairs and communications at Lighthouse International in New York City, a leading worldwide resource on vision impairment and vision rehabilitation, where she has been for 13 years. In this position, she oversees the department's ongoing communication activities, as well as its outreach and advocacy efforts. Fran's career as a social worker and advocate spans more than 30 years. Previous to her current position she was the special assistant to the president, director of government and community affairs, and director of centennial programs. Prior to joining the Lighthouse, she served as director of health promotion services for the New York City Department of the Aging. Fran's earlier career was in publishing and public relations. She has served as adjunct faculty at Columbia University School of Social Work. She is vice chair of the board of directors of the Fund for the Advancement of Social Services, past chair of the Columbia University Alumni Trustee Nominating Committee, a member of the board of directors of Government Affairs Professionals (GAP), and the East Midtown Association.

## 1962

Ann Leder Sharon, Class Correspondent, 13890 Ravenwood Drive, Saratoga, CA 95070 1962notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

## 1963

Miriam Osler Hyman, Class Correspondent, 140 East 72nd Street, #16B, New York, NY 10021 1963notes@alumni.brandeis.edu



Nancy Wolkenberg Greenblatt '55, Deborah Lewis Raboy '57, Muriel Schlesinger '57, and Paula Schilling Fine '55 at the Berkshire Choral Festival

funeral train. A mini-reunion was held in Boston in October 2004 attended by 12 class members from 1952 who presented Arnold Schlager, devoted husband of **Faith Rothstein**, with a class membership plaque.



## 1964

Shelly A. Wolf, Class Correspondent, 113 Naudain Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147 1964notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Leonard Miller**, an attorney specializing in the environment in the Washington, D.C., office of Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman, LLP, was recognized as a top lawyer (selected by his peers) in the December 2004 issue of *Washingtonian* magazine.

## 1965

**40th Reunion**  
**June 10–12, 2005**  
Joan Furber Kalafatas, Class Correspondent, 3 Brandywine, Wayland, MA, 01778 1965notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Mark your calendar for the weekend of June 10–12, 2005 for our huge 40th Reunion, and send in your news now so that it will appear in Class Notes! Hope to see you all then.

## 1966

Kenneth E. Davis, Class Correspondent, 28 Mary Chilton Road, Needham, MA 02492 1966notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Ira Steinberg** writes, "I retired from a thirty-four-year career teaching English at Waltham High School in 2000, retrained, and now work part time as a fitness instructor at Boston Sports Clubs' Healthpoint facility in Waltham, MA, inspiring the 'chronologically enhanced' membership. I remind them that having 'winter in your hair' shouldn't keep you from having 'spring in your step.' I have survived cancer (1992) and a disastrous fall from a ladder (2003), and I remain (closing in on 65) solid as a rock (especially from the neck up). I would welcome on-the-job visits from local classmates; you'll learn to pump iron, think positively, and laugh at my jokes."

## 1967

Anne Reilly Hort, Class Correspondent, 10 Old Jackson Avenue, #21, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706 1967notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Several Brandeis alumni attended the June 2004 wedding of **Robert and Anne Reilly Hort's** daughter, Katie, including **Lois Ettlinger Perlman, Ronald Mayer, Robert Cohen, and Susan Miller Astor**. Robert and Anne's sons, **Benjamin '93** and **Daniel '95** are both married with children. **Sandra Sherman** is a professor of British literature at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and a culinary historian. She writes, "this past fall (2004), my third book, *Fresh from the Past: Recipes and Revelations from Moll Flanders' Kitchen* (Taylor Trade Publishing), was published. The book is a cultural history of food in the 17th and 18th centuries, with 120 recipes from rare cookbooks updated for modern cooks. I speak about food history all over the U.S. and Europe, and was cited in the *Wall Street Journal*."

## 1968

David Greenwald, Class Correspondent, 3655 Aquetong Road, Carversville, PA 18913 1968notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Roger Frankel**, an attorney specializing in bankruptcy in the Washington, D.C., office of Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman, LLP, was recognized as a top lawyer (selected by his peers) in the December 2004 issue of *Washingtonian* magazine. Mark Simon received the 2004 Alumni Award from Promfret School in Pomfret, CT, where he was a member of the Class of 1964. Mark is a partner of Centerbrook Architects and Planners, who designed the Promfret School's Centennial Academic and Arts Building, completed in 1995. The firm has won over 257 national and regional awards for design excellence on a variety of projects including highly crafted private residences and furniture, to evocative institutional complexes and fully implemented city plans.

## 1969

Phoebe Epstein, Class Correspondent, 205 West 89th Street, #10-S, New York, NY 10024 1969notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Greg Prestopino** writes, "On March 1, 2004, a coventure was formed between Windswept Holdings and myself. The new ventures are ufemizm music (ASCAP) and elliptic songs (BMI). Our mission is to find and develop talent and acquire and create copyrights primarily in the area of songwriting with the occasional sideways jaunt into stage and performance. The first venture for ufemizm/elliptic was an investment in *Avenue Q*, the musical that won three major awards at this year's Tonys: 'Best Musical,' 'Best Music & Lyrics,' and 'Best Book.' To find out more about Windswept Pacific go to <http://windsweptpacific.com>. To find out more about Greg Prestopino go to <http://gregprestopino.com/about.html>. **Melvin Schwechter** writes, "On June 1, 2004, I became president of the Customs and International Trade Bar Association, the leading bar association in my area of practice."

## 1970

**35th Reunion**  
**June 10–12, 2005**  
Charles S. Eisenberg, Class Correspondent, 4 Ashford Road, Newton Center, MA 02159 1970notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Reunion chair, **Jane Klein Bright**, writes, "After we recover from the shock that this will be our 35th Reunion year, we should all sign up to come back to campus June 10–12, 2005. Many of us are already planning the weekend's events and we encourage everyone from the class of '70 to join us. It will be fun, interesting, and rejuvenating. In other words, we can hang out and pretend we're students again. Don't pass up that opportunity! See you in June."

## 1971

c/o Class of 1971, Brandeis University, MS 124, P.O. Box 549110, Waltham, MA 02454-9110 1971notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Adele Wolison** was appointed associate dean at Wellesley College, where she is also professor of chemistry. She and her husband, Dan Seeley, recently drove cross-country to deposit their youngest child in college in Portland, OR.

## 1972

Dan Gartinkel, Class Correspondent, 2420 Kings Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15241 1972notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Stephen Cohen** left Brandeis early in 1971 to travel. He now lives in Portland, OR, and is a performing and recording artist, composer, and award-winning songwriter (an award winner at the Kerrville Folk Festival in Texas in 2000 among other national awards). He released a new CD, *Stephen and the Talk Talk Band*, in which he uses acoustic guitar, voice, sculptural percussion made from various woods, metals, recycled and found objects, and a revolving roster of guest musicians playing lap steel guitar, mandolin, bouzouki, accordion, and jazz drums. Stephen had each guest musician tell a story before they left the studio, and he layered some of their stories into some of the musical pieces on the CD. He would like to know what others who left Brandeis early are doing now. You can contact him at [stephen@earthlink.net](mailto:stephen@earthlink.net) or you can visit his Website: <http://home.earthlink.net/~threehandstephen>. **Ndubuisi Eke** is professor of surgery at the University of Port Harcourt in Nigeria. **Yaakov Kravitz**, author, rabbi, and clinical psychologist, received the honorary doctorate of divinity, honoris causa, from Reconstructionist Rabbinical College at its graduation ceremony on June 6, 2004. He was commended for his contributions

to Jewish communal life, to Jewish pluralism, and his embodiment of Reconstructionist ideals. Following graduation from Brandeis, Yaakov received his master of arts in Hebrew letters degree and the title of rabbi from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in 1979, and his Ph.D. in psychoeducational processes from Temple University in 1983. He served as educational director and assistant rabbi at Congregation Brothers of Israel in Trenton, NJ, and then as campus rabbi for Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD. He spent three years in Dallas, TX, as a pastoral counselor and psychology resident at the Pastoral Counseling and Education Center before returning to Philadelphia in 1989 to start a practice as a licensed psychologist. He is a fellow of the American Association of Pastoral Counseling and of the Pennsylvania Psychological Association. He has served as chaplain at Northwestern

Institute of Psychiatry and at the Fox Chase Cancer Center. He maintains a clinical practice in Abington, PA. He is the author of *Pathways to Recovery: Sources and Spiritual Tools for a Jewish Twelve Step Program* as well as of numerous articles on addiction in the Jewish community. **Jordan E. Tannenbaum** is the chief development officer at The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

## 1973

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**John Edison** writes, "In August 2004 I was appointed to the Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection committee of the Washington State Bar Association." **Amy Golahny** was promoted to full professor at Lycoming



**Rabbi Yaakov Kravitz '72 (right) receives Honorary Doctor of Divinity from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College from RRC President Dan Ehrenkrantz (left), and Donald L. Shapiro (center) Chairman of the College's Board of Governors, at the 2004 Graduation Ceremony in Philadelphia, PA**

# Births and Adoptions

Class	Brandeis Parent(s)	Child's Name	Date
1975	Susan Rose	Betya Rachel	November 29, 2001
1977	Donald Bumiller	Jacob DeCarlen-Bumiller	June 16, 2004
1978	Neil Kressel	Leah Ruth	July 26, 2004
	Noah Morris		May 5, 2003
1983	Spencer Sherman	Talia Maya	January 28, 2004
1984	Sandra Doctor Kane	Robert Jonathan	December 14, 2003
1986	Amy Schoenblum	Sasha Rebecca Arielle	March 10, 2003
	Amy Wasserman Horner	Liana Suzanne	April 7, 2003
	Logan Benjamin		April 11, 2000
1987	Nina Brand	Audrey Emmaunelle	November 22, 2003
	Joy Brown Levin and	Adam Spencer	December 19, 2003
	Joshua Levin '85		
	Lisa Curran-Crimp	Virginia Helene	May 7, 2004
	Gustavo A. Gelpi	Maria de Mater	February 13, 2004
	Daniel Gordon	Anil Ryan	May 1, 2004
	Christine Tomasello Gallagher	Andrew Martin and	December 2, 2003
		Sean Philip	
1988	Julie Berkowitz Maresca	Daniel Enrico	February 4, 2004
	Mari J. Cartagenova	Miela Rephaia	September 16, 2002
	Rhona Silverbush	Jack Seymour Nirenberg	November 26, 2003
1989	Hedy Cardozo	Lucy Hart Rosenblut and	May 26, 2004
		Joshua Fred Rosenblut	
	Marla Field Olsberg	Lev Matan	December 16, 2003
	Betsy Portnov Kirshner and	Melinda Perle	July 3, 2004
	Dan Kirshner '84		
	Kate Spivak Friedman	Pierce Nathan	December 28, 2003
1990	Jonathan Kroll	Samuel Jacob	October 20, 2004
	Colette Page Rogers	Payton Joy	August 31, 2004
1991	Yafitte Bendory	Eden Rachel	August 7, 2003
	David Fine	Zecharia Daniel	August 17, 2004
	Scott Grimberg	Laura Sophie	July 17, 2004
	Julie Hoffman-Marshall	Sarah Madeline	March 25, 2004
	Laurie Lichtenstein	Jonah Benjamin Raboy	January 21, 2004
	Holly Litwin	Aryeh Ezra Northman	June 14, 2004
	Jennifer Portnoy and	William Alexander	June 17, 2004
	Peter Gladstone		
	Marsy Schlesinger and	Michelle Leah	March 3, 2004
	Charles Sumner		
	Leslie Stein Lloyd	Talia Annabelle	April 4, 2003
	Eve Theurer Finger and	Serena Jill and	August 14, 2004
	Carl Finger	Jaclyn Beth	March 9, 2001
	Julian Zelizer	Nathan Solomon	December 26, 2003
1992	Ayala Cohen Podhoretz	Shayna Julianne	June 11, 2004
	Andrew Frank	Daniel Ian	March 2, 2004
	Mary Joy Held Abbott	Trevor Daniel	December 5, 2003
	Daniel Kinel	Oren Kinel	April 2, 2004
	Emily Steiner and	Gabrielle Hannah	December 25, 2003
	David Weiner '90		
1993	Benjamin Hort	William Reilly	February 19, 2004
	Mimi Barowsky Moss	Ella Rose	April 30, 2004
	Marcie Braunstein Roth	Leah Zoe	January 30, 2004
	Larry Hilzenrath	Jack William	November 9, 2004
	Gregory Marks	Haley Jordan	August 10, 2003
	Chad Miller	Aryeh Asher Miller	June 25, 2003
	Hildy Karp	Holden Marcus Karp-Foster	October 29, 2003
	Melissa Rubin Finkelstein	Emma Sadie	May 13, 2004
	Joshua Savitz	Nathaniel Ben	February 5, 2004
1994	Shana Aelony	Zelda Kamery Moriwaki	October 29, 2004
	Anat Hampel Zirklin	Talia Brooke	July 23, 2004
	Kathryn Gerwin Goldberg	Brandon Corey Goldberg	November 11, 2003
	Alexis Greenwald Levitt	Maya Simcha	August 18, 2004
	Rebecca Klein	Seth Klein Fraser Murchison	October 16, 2004
	Audrey Latman Gruber and	Jonathan Eli	December 20, 2003
	Jeremy Eric Gruber '93		
	Michael Mikhailov	Tamara	June 29, 2004
	Marc Tyler Nobleman	Lara Valentina	May 19, 2004
1995	Lori Gannon Prettyman	Abigail Nichole	May 26, 2004
	Daniel Hort	Eleanor	March 27, 2002
	Vivian		October 9, 2000
	Allison Karlan Kaplan	Lilah Orielle	May 8, 2004
	Wendy Morris Berliner and	Rachel Nicole	August 10, 2004
	Marc Berliner		
	Elizabeth Wynn-Smith	Alexandra Elle	June 11, 2004
1996	Michael Dittelman	Spencer Cole	July 14, 2004
	Aryeh Dori	Maya	July 6, 2004
	Alissa DuBrow Meltzer	Jeremy Andrew	February 9, 2004
	Amanda Scampoli Bray	Jenna Elizabeth	July 13, 2003
	Jennifer Wolf Yoel	Jacob Hudson	August 15, 2003
1997	Tara Cook-Littman	Spencer Cook Littman	August 24, 2003
	Aviva Fisher Rosenberg	Jonah Nathan	August 1, 2004
1998	Mari Cartagenova	Miela Rephaia	September 16, 2002
	Jill Farberman Bronner	Joshua Harrison	October 15, 2004
	Jeremie Lipczenko and	Mason Wally Lipczenko	July 1, 2004
	Jeremy Wally		
1999	Robin Schiff Milgrim and	Emily Paige	December 2, 2003
	Josh Milgrim '00		
2000	Michael Conn	Alexander David	April 9, 2004
	Cheryl Pollock Stober	Hannah Ruth	January 5, 2004
GRAD	Jason Giannetti '01	Aden Louis	April, 2004

College in Williamsport, PA. She is an art historian who has published over 25 articles in internationally known journals. She edited a special issue of the journal *Dutch Crossing* on Rembrandt reception (2001), and a book on the relationship of the visual and literary arts, *The Eye of the Poet*. She published a book on the artist: *Rembrandt's Reading: The Artist's Bookshelf of Ancient Poetry and History*, a definitive study of Rembrandt's library, which is published by the University of Amsterdam Press. She is president of the American Association of Netherlandic Studies, a university-level organization that promotes the culture of the Low Countries and the Dutch-speaking world.

**Jakki Koufman** lives in Santa Fe, with her husband, Jonathan Sperber. She shows her expressionist landscape paintings in Santa Fe at Waxlander Gallery and in Dallas at the Fairmount Gallery. She had two museum solo shows in Kansas and had four paintings selected for the Rocky Mountain Biennial at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Fort Collins, CO. Her painting, *Hot Shadow, Melting Snow*, was chosen as the 2003-04 official poster for the City of Santa Fe. Jakki teaches painting and drawing at two art schools in Santa Fe and teaches workshops around the country in such places as Big Sur, CA, Albuquerque, NM, and Sedona, AZ. She has taught numerous outdoor landscape painting workshops in Alaska, British Columbia, Yukon, Nevada, Utah, Florida, New York, and Connecticut. To view examples of her work, visit [www.waxlander.com](http://www.waxlander.com). For a copy of her national and local teaching schedules, contact her at [jakki@easelsonthemove.com](mailto:jakki@easelsonthemove.com). Jakki credits her early experiences as a tutor in Brandeis' Upward Bound and Transitional Year Program (TYP) as inspiration for her lifelong dedication to teaching, and her Sachar International Fellowship, dedicated to art study in Italy, for focusing her attention on the vital importance of mingling high craft with sensibility. Jewish Family Services presented



Susan Foreman  
Jordan '74



Heidi Ravven '74

Rabbi **Beverly Weintraub Magidson** with its 2004 Community Service Award at Temple Israel in Albany, NY, on June 12, 2004. She was ordained as a Reform rabbi in 1979 and in 1983 was appointed rabbi at Congregation Beth Shalom in Clifton Park, NY, one of the first female rabbis in the United States to serve a congregation affiliated with Conservative Judaism. Beverly is now the director of chaplaincy services, United Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York in Albany, where she lives with her husband and two children.

## 1974

Susan Goldberg Benjamin, Class Correspondent, Ten Train Band Road, Bedford, NY, 10506 [1974notes@alumni.brandeis.edu](mailto:1974notes@alumni.brandeis.edu)

Yes, we had our 30th Reunion and yes, we have photos showing how well (or not) we are aging. But first, let's see who's in the news. **Susan Foreman Jordan**, a partner of the Pittsburgh office of Fox Rothschild L.L.P., has been named a Pennsylvania "Super Lawyer" as selected by her peers statewide, representing the top five percent of all lawyers in the state. Fox Rothschild is one of the 200 largest law firms in the US. Susie entered with our class but received her B.A., *magna cum laude*, in only three years. She focuses her law practice on employee pension and welfare benefits, employment law, corporate law, and taxation. Pennsylvania Super Lawyers is a joint project of *Law & Politics Magazine* and *Philadelphia Magazine*. The selection process included a survey of the state's 34,000 licensed attorneys, a blue-ribbon review panel screening and an attorney-led independent research group. Congratulations,

Susie, but none of this is a surprise to those of us who have known you! **Heidi Ravven** is thrilled to report that she received a four-year Ford Foundation Grant which includes a planning year, then three years to carry it out. She was approached by the foundation to do a long term project on Spinoza, the philosopher she has been studying for the past seventeen years. The project will result in a book called *Rethinking Ethics and American Pluralism*. Heidi has lived in upstate NY for over 20 years, teaching Jewish Studies and the philosophy of religion at Hamilton College. She and her husband, Allen Manning (brother of **Carol Manning '73**), live in an historic village called Cazenovia, which was a 19th century resort and still has both year round and summer residents. Their daughter, Simha, is 27 and is in medical school at Tulane. Heidi has been researching Spinoza for many years and says, "It's gratifying to be getting recognition for years of plugging along. One of the most exciting discoveries came a couple of years ago when, by almost pure luck, I read some accounts of recent neuroscience of the emotions and realized that they, by and large, confirmed Spinoza's theory of the emotions upon which he built his ethical and political theories. Neuroscientists, cognitive scientists, systems theorists, and psychoanalysts have been very excited to learn more about Spinoza, and I have been doing my best to get the message out in journals and at conferences. The neuroscientist, Antonio Damasio, has discovered Spinoza from the neuroscience end (Damasio is the author of the recent book, *Looking for Spinoza*).



## Class of 1974 Reunion



Irwin Rubin, Sharon Hammer Rubin '74, Beverly Rich '74, Mindy Milberg '74, Martin Kessel '71



Dwight Dickerson '74, Beth Slavet '74, Sally Zanger '74



Murray Sackman '74, Betsy Sarason Pfau '74, Audrey Corson, Shelly Stein '74, Barbara Brickman Stein '74, Dan Pfau '73



Vinny Christiano '74 and Dana Gilbert '74



Alan Rosenberg '74, Pam Sacks Weil '74, Peggy Whitefield, Michael Altosso '74, Kenny Raskin '74



Murray Sackman '74, and wife Marianne Karmel, Larry Kaplan '74, Alan Klein '74

*Joy, Sorrow, and the Feeling Brain*) as have some French neuroscientists, so there is a fruitful dialogue developing between philosophers of Spinoza and neurobiologists and other scientists. My project for the Ford Foundation will develop a bit further my work on Spinoza and affective neuroscience, but it will mostly be directed at exploring how Spinoza can help us rethink ethics and American political pluralism. How can Spinoza's model of ethics and of the multi-religious polity, developed at the dawn of modernity and partly in response to the widely varied cultural communities becoming visible to Europeans in the Age of Discovery, help us envision the next configuration of American identity, one transformed and informed by many immigrant and transnational identifications? That's the central question I'm working on." Heidi updated me regarding the family of our late classmate, **Bayla Shusman Nochumson**. Bayla died more than ten years ago of lymphoma, and Heidi has kept in touch with her husband and kids. Bayla's daughter, Marisa, is a sophomore at the University of New Mexico, and her son Josh is working in Santa Fe. **Laurie Slater Albert** and **Darlene Green Kamine** cochaired the 2004 Alumni

Leadership Retreat, BAMDI! Brandeis Alumni Making A Difference: Leadership Even Unto Its Innermost Parts. The conference was an unqualified success, with alumni coming from all over the country to share ideas and see old friends. Once again, Laurie and Darlene stepped up and showed their own leadership skills and devotion to our school. Reunion 2004 summary: **Betsy Sarason Pfau** hosted a lovely dinner at her house on the Friday night. **Dwight Dickerson** even showed up! I've only missed the 15th and 30th....

## 1975

### 30th Reunion June 10-12, 2005

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**David H. Baum** writes, "I was named an Angel in Adoption by the Congressional Coalition in Adoption and was presented with an award in Washington, D.C., on September 23, 2004, by Congressman Henry Waxman. The Angel in Adoption Program honors

those in the community who have, through their adoption practice, made a significant contribution toward the advancement of adoption and/or the moving of children from foster care into adoptive families or who have otherwise distinguished themselves in the practice of adoption law. Also, I was re-elected to my ninth term as president of the Academy of California Adoption Lawyers." **David Katzen**, a physician at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, was named as a "top doc" in the area of allergy/immunology in the May 2004 issue of *Rhode Island Monthly*. The magazine polled 5,000 randomly selected registered nurses from across the state and asked them to select the best specialists in Rhode Island for care and treatment. **Michael A. Schwartz** is assistant professor at Syracuse University's College of Law as well as director of the Public Interest Law Firm, the school's civil right's clinic. **Beth Anne Wolfson** writes, "I have remained an active advocate of Brandeis University through my affiliation with the Brandeis University National Women's Committee. In June of 2004, I was installed as a President's Councilor by President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, at the BUWVC national conference. In

addition, I have coauthored the new, updated edition of a text book, *The Law of Sex Discrimination* (third edition), published by Wadsworth Publishing Company."

## 1976

**Beth Pearlman**, Class Correspondent, 1773 Diane Road, Mendota Heights, MN 55118 1976notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Dear class of '76: We want to hear from more of you, so please tell us what's going on in your lives. You don't need to wait for huge changes in your lives to write. Your classmates just want to keep up-to-date on what everyone has been doing, so send in those class notes (1976notes@alumni.brandeis.edu)! Best, Beth. The Boston Bar Association named **Michael B. Bogdanow** cochair of its litigation section. Michael maintains a diverse litigation practice at Meehan, Boyle, Black & Fitzgerald, P.C., a Boston law firm. **Moshe Kranc** lives in Jerusalem with his wife, Elise, and their six

children, and works as vice president of research and development for JVP Studios, a Jerusalem-based software incubator. In his spare time, Moshe has written a book, *The Hasidic Masters' Guide to Management*, which was published in September 2004 ([www.hasidicmanagement.com](http://www.hasidicmanagement.com)). The book is dedicated to, among others, Professor Ariella Goldberg, "who taught me to enjoy the tension between the secular and the holy." **Alan Mittleman** was appointed professor of Jewish thought at the Jewish Theological Seminary and director of the Louis Finkelstein Institute for Religion and Social Studies. His last book was an edited volume, *Religion as a Public Good: Jews and Other Americans on Religion in the Public Square* (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2003). **Sanford F. Remz** of Newton, MA, was elected president of Camp Ramah in New England. Sanford is married to Arlene Rosenkrantz Remz. After attending Camp Ramah as campers and traveling on the Ramah Israel Seminar, the couple met when they worked together as staff for CRNE's special needs program, Tikvah. Sanford and Arlene have three children, who have all attended Ramah. Sanford is a shareholder in the Boston

business litigation law firm of Yurko and Salvesen, P.C., and has been a member of the Ramah board for many years. Most recently he served as senior vice president of development.

## 1977

**Fred Berg**, Class Correspondent 150 East 83rd Street, #2C, New York, NY 10028 1977notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Donald Bumiller** announces the birth of his second son, Jacob DeCarlen-Bumiller, in June 2004. Donald and his wife, Marya DeCarlen reside in Boxford, MA. Donald is a personal injury attorney who was recently elected treasurer of the Essex County Bar Association. **Deborah Zecher** writes, "I have been in my current position as rabbi of Hevren of Southern Berkshire for twelve years. In the spring of 2004 we celebrated the Bat Mitzvah of our youngest child, Miriam.



# Marriages and Unions

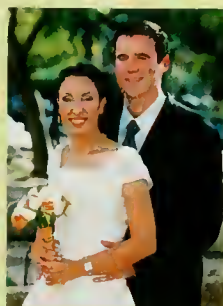
Class	Name
1991	Charles Savenor and Julie Walpert
1992	Joshua Liebster and Bonnie Berry Peter Sosin and Hanah Abelsara Josh Wyte and Mindy Goldstein
1994	Shari Fried and Aaron Fox Suzanne Hoffer and Jason Alderman Carrie Hubbell and Pablo Melgarejo Marc Tyler Nobleman and Daniela Andrae
1995	Michelle Renée Katz and Steven Berkowitz
1996	Gillian Brooks and Allen Fischer Victoria Kahn and Daniel Klein Jessica Kopito and Harris Giddings Becca Patterson and Adil Karim Shauna Rabinowitz and Tor Berg
1997	Michelle L. Gross and Alon Moshe Greta Mendelsohn and Evan Fox '98
1999	Sarah Berger and Peter Laybourn Eric Danis and Anat Moshe
2001	Matthew A. Gittlitz and Dorian Rebecca Levine Sara Greenfield and Herb Miller Natalie Ishimura and Brent Easter '02 Marsha Pierre Jacques and Rashad Williams '02 Shana Ratafia-Brown and Randy Gertner Tamar Saturen and Ze' Manel Cunha
2002	Carine Valbrun Luxama and Magnus Luxama
2003	Marianna Zilberman and Brian Ashin Aaron Shainwald and Stephen Schonberg

## Date

March 28, 2004  
July 30, 2004  
December 23, 2003  
August 8, 2004  
September 5, 2004  
September 13, 2003  
February 21, 2004  
August 16, 2003  
September 12, 2004  
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October 24, 2004  
April 24, 2004  
April 4, 2004  
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August 8, 2003  
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May 21, 2004



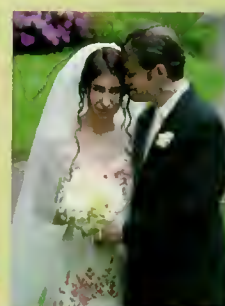
Wedding of Greta Mendelsohn '97  
and Evan Fox '98



Wedding of Eric  
Danis '99 and Anat  
Moshe



Wedding of Gillian  
Brooks '96 and Allen  
Fischer



Wedding of Shauna  
Rabinowitz '96 and Tor  
Berg

## 1978

Valerie Troyansky, Class Correspondent, 10 West 66th Street, #8J, New York, NY 10023 1978notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Andrea Halpern**, professor of psychology at Bucknell University, was chosen as one of two faculty members in the United States to be named a Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) Fellow for the 2004-05 year. She is a leader in the study of cognitive and biological aspects of music perception and has published more than 30 articles and book chapters on the topic. She has been consulting editor for the journal *Memory and Cognition* and has provided peer review articles for more than 15 other prominent journals related to her research interests. Andrea has been awarded a number of extramural grants to support her research with undergraduates including grants from the National Science Foundation, the

National Institutes on Aging, The Pew Foundation, and McDonnell-Pew Program in Cognitive Neuroscience.

### Debra Wortzman

**Wasserman** began her second year of teaching math in the Portland, OR, public schools. Debra works at Franklin High School teaching algebra to a mix of mostly freshmen students. She's enjoying her transition into teaching after 23 years in high tech. Debra's husband, **Gary Wasserman '80**, works for the Rational Software brand within IBM's Software Group based in Beaverton, OR. The couple's two children both began attending new schools this year. Marc is a ninth grader at Wilson High School and Philip is a sixth grader at Robert Gray Middle School. They can be reached via email at gwasserman@alumni.brandeis.edu.

## 1979

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## 1980

**25th Reunion June 10-12, 2005**  
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As part of the committee planning the activities for our 25th Reunion in June, I have offered to show some of the slideshows that I created back while we were all at Brandeis. And while I hope to stir some fond memories with the images from Kodachrome, American Pie, etc., I thought it would be equally enjoyable to also show where we've come and what we're doing today. Please forward me pictures by email to lewis@4brooks.com or snail mail to the

address above. I will put them together in a new show along with pictures from our Brandeis days and present it over Reunion weekend. I can't wait to see you all back on campus June 10-12! For class news, the Boston Bar Association named **Carl F. Barnes** as cochair of the corporate law committee in July 2004. Carl has been a business lawyer for more than 18 years, specializing in representing large and small companies in public and private securities offerings, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, and other complex transactions. He currently works at Morse, Barnes-Brown & Pendleton and has represented numerous companies in their initial public offerings as well as in secondary equity and debt financings. **Duane L. Berlin** was invited to serve as a panelist in the FTC's Email Authentication Summit in Washington, D.C. Duane is the principal of the law firm of Lev & Berlin,

P.C., a Norwalk, CT, law firm specializing in corporate, securities, commercial, and privacy law. He is also general counsel to the Council of American Survey Research Associations and the American Association for Public Opinion Research. Duane lives in Trumbull, CT, with his wife, Stacey, and their two daughters, Carley and Taylor. **Jay Mandel** writes, "The Beatles started singing whimsically on their Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band. 'It was twenty years ago today...' but 20 years is a long time! But, sometimes, 'good things are worth waiting for.' My partner, Jeff, and I met April 12, 1985 (yes, the 40th anniversary of F.O.R.'s passing). We filed for and were granted a New Jersey Certificate of Domestic Partnership. We avoided the media blitz of the new law's inauguration but interestingly, were the 100th couple in our town to register! It's a small step (something we never thought would happen in our lifetimes) but hopefully, a decisive victory." **Gary Wasserman** works for the Rational Software brand within IBM's Software Group and he is based in



Norman Pernick '81

Beaverton, OR. He and his wife, **Debra Wortzman Wasserman '78**, have two children. Gary and Debra can be reached via email at gwasserman@alumni.brandeis.edu.

## 1981

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**Deborah Gallant** is the founder of Lifework Catalyst, a coaching business





Wedding of Bethany Chu '00 and Anthony Tierno



Wedding of Shari Fried '94 and Aaron Fox



Wedding of Carine Valbrun '02 and Magnus Luxama



Wedding of Carrie Hubbell '94 and Pablo Melgarejo

helping individuals find their strengths, talents, and experience and find a business need they can address to create their own unique lifework. Deborah also works with entrepreneurs who have a business idea to get it off the ground, with a sound concept, marketing, and business plan. She resides in the Conejo Valley of California. **Andrew L. Jagoda** is a member of the real estate practice group in the New York office of Katten Muchin Zavis Rosenman. He came to this position from Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P. in New York, where his practice focused on real estate financing, development, construction, acquisitions and dispositions, leasing, restaurant development, portfolio acquisitions, and joint ventures. **Norman L. Pernick**, a partner in the Wilmington office of Saul Ewing L.L.P., was named by *Delaware Today* as a "power attorney." Annually, the publication selects 75 attorneys from nominations provided by fellow lawyers, judges, and other members of the legal community. Norman was selected for his accomplishments in the area

of business bankruptcy. He is chair of the bankruptcy department, a member of the firm's diversity committee, and an executive committee member. His practice includes many aspects of bankruptcy and workouts, representing debtors, creditors' committees, secured and unsecured creditors, and trustees. He is a former office managing partner of the firm's Wilmington, DE office and a former member of the United States Panel of Chapter 7 Trustees for the District of Columbia.

## 1982

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## 1983

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It's been a busy year for everyone! Don't forget to let your curious old college pals hear what you've been up to! Here's what's in to date. **Benita Roth** was promoted to associate professor of sociology and women's studies at Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY, and has published a book entitled *Separate Roads to Feminism: Black, Chicana, and White Feminist Movements in America's Second Wave* (2004, Cambridge University Press).

## 1984

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## 1985

**20th Reunion June 10-12, 2005**  
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Our 20th Class Reunion will be held in June. Some of us have kept in touch with one another but we have all certainly lost touch with someone about whom you must smile when you think about an event, or a class, or something that happened at Brandeis. Reunion is a great way to find out what happened to a friend and laugh once more. Please join us June 10-12, 2005 **Robert Bode** is financial aid director for Metropolitan State University in Saint Paul, MN. Prior to his current position, Robert was associate director of financial aid for the University of St. Thomas, and was assistant director of financial aid for Northwestern College in Saint Paul and for Seattle University School of Law. **Stephen Coan** (M.M.H.S. '90, Human Services Management, Ph.D. '97, Social Policy) was named executive vice president

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**Rochelle Borofsky Grossman '88**

for operations at Mystic Aquarium & Institute for Exploration. In this position he oversees all education, marketing, communications, fundraising, facilities, and financial and human resources departments. He is also executive director of the Immersion Institute at the aquarium. **Stacey Markowitz Hect** is owner of a pediatric practice in Bergen County and single parent to growing eight-year-old twin boys, Adam and Jonah.

## 1986

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## 1987

Vanessa B. Newman, Class Correspondent Street, #26, New York, NY 10022 1987notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Corrin Ferber** writes, "At the end of August 2004 I left the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) at the U.S. Department of Justice to join the Office on Children at the Department of State. It is a bittersweet move because I have worked exclusively on violence against women issues since 1996. I really value my time at OVW. I learned a tremendous amount, and especially enjoyed collaborating with **Leslie Orloff '78**. Nonetheless, I am looking forward to new challenges at the State Department where I will be working on Hague Convention implementation

issues. It's hard to believe that my twins, Alec and Isabella, are six already. This age is so much fun for me and I wish time could stand still for just a little while. My husband, Brian Abraham, and I celebrated our 11th anniversary in the fall of 2004. I can be reached at [cmferber@comcast.net](mailto:cmferber@comcast.net)."

## 1988

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**Robin Bachin** received tenure at the University of Miami and is the Charlton W. Tebeau Associate Professor of History. She published her first book, *Building the South Side: Urban Space and Civic Culture in Chicago, 1890-1919*, with the University of Chicago Press. She won the University of Miami Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2003, and the College of Arts and Sciences Scholarly Productivity Award in 2004. Her son, Daniel, was born in July 2003, and her daughter, Marissa, is four. **Rochelle Borofsky Grossman** served as a faculty member for General Practitioners' Update, a seminar sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute on June 9, 2004. Rochelle presented an overview of the recent developments during the past year in the family law area, including divorce, equitable distribution, support, custody, and prenuptial agreements. As a member of Cozen O'Connor, a full-service law firm, Rochelle handles complex marital issues involving divorce, division of property, alimony, custody, and child support. A resident of West Chester, PA, she is the immediate past-chair of the Montgomery Bar Association Family Law Section, as well as a member of the Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations. **Mari J. Cartagena** and **Joseph Zahavi**, would like to announce the birth of their daughter, **Miela Rephaia**, who was born on Yom Kippur in September 2002. She writes, "We are thrilled with the new addition to our family and her big brother, **Gavriel**, is wonderful with her. We would also like to acknowledge that [my] grandmother, **Shirley Rose**, passed away in August 2003. As a tribute to her, we have established the **Shirley Rose Endowed Scholarship** at

Brandeis to support students' education and remember my Nana." **Rhona Silverbush** writes, "After the release of our book *Speak the Speech! Shakespeare's Monologues Illuminated*, written with one of my two dearest friends (and college roommates, thank you, Brandeis!), **Sami Plotkin**. I was able to turn my attention to the project my folks have long wanted me to take on...and am proud to announce the birth of my son, **Jack Seymour Nirenberg**, in November 2003 (a little friend for **Kevin Costello's** son, **Brennan**, who is only six months older)! My husband, **George**, and I live with **Jack** in Manhattan. In addition to raising **Jack**, I am working part-time, writing for various film and book projects, and coaching actors in Shakespeare."

## 1989

**Karen Gitten Gobler**, Class Correspondent, 19 Elmwood Park, Newton, MA 02460 1989notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Hedy Cardozo** writes, "Sorry I missed our 15th Reunion—I have a pretty good excuse. Two weeks before Reunion I gave birth to twins. We plan to celebrate their fifth birthdays at our 20th Reunion!" **Betsy Portnov Kirshner** writes, "Dan [Kirshner '84] and I have a little update to add to the class notes, literally. Dan and I had our first child on July 3, 2004. Her name is **Melinda Perle Ellen Seidman**, along with her husband, **Dave Smokler**, and their son, **Max**, were visiting on the afternoon of July 3 when I went into labor. We had a fun afternoon and then Dan and I sped off to the hospital for what turned out to be a really quick delivery early that evening. Dan continues to practice law in East Brunswick, specializing in patents and trademarks. I will be returning to work in the fall selling oncology products with **Bristol-Myers Squibb** in Northern NJ." **Cornelius B. Salmon** writes, "I am a notary public in the State of Georgia. I will try to attend our next Reunion."

## 1990

**15th Reunion June 10-12, 2005**  
**Judith Libhaber Weber**, Class Correspondent, 4 Augusta Court, New City, NY 10956 1990notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Hello Class of 1990! We may be freezing right now, but let's look ahead to the warm summer. It would be great to see all of you back on campus for our (dare I say it?) 15th Reunion on June 10-12, 2005. Plan on being there and save the date!!! Until then, please contact me with your personal and professional news so that all our former classmates can know what you've been doing. Hope to hear from you soon! Best wishes always, **Judy** (along with **Aron** and our two daughters, six-year-old **Jocelyn** and two-year-old **Faith**). **Jonathan Kroll** and his wife, **Ilena**, are proud to announce the birth of a son, **Samuel Jacob**, younger brother of their first child **Daniel Alter**. **Jonathan** and his family live in Great Neck, NY, where he is a practicing attorney. **Alex Paley** writes "I've been working for Cypress Health Care Management (CHCM) for over three years now, and in June of 2003 was named executive vice president for national operations. CHCM is a White Plains, NY, company that builds, owns, operates, and manages nursing homes, assisted living, and independent living facilities around the United States. My wife, **Beth Gordon Paley '91**, and I are happily living across the Hudson with our twins, **Hannah** and **David**, who are eight. In my spare time, I am serving as a member of The Gerard Berman Day School Board of Trustees in Oakland, NJ, as well as being financial vice president of Shomrei Torah congregation in Wayne, NJ. I also continue to do Alumni Admissions Council interviewing for Brandeis. Sending all of our best wishes to all of my 1990 classmates!" **Lisa Karshen Solomon**, a lawyer in Ardsley, NY, who provides legal research and writing services to other lawyers on an outsourcing basis, was featured in an article on home offices that appeared in the November 2004 issue of the ABA Journal. Her home office lets her spend more time with her husband, **Mark Solomon '80**, and their children, **Zoe** and **Max**.







as a writer/editor and grants program administrator. I am also studying the Sanford Meisner method acting technique with former Meisner student Silkie O-Ishi (who is determined to get me on the big stage the right way), and can be found every other Sunday on the streets of Manhattan singing sacred music of the 15th and 16th centuries with the Renaissance Street Singers ([www.streetingers.org](http://www.streetingers.org)). I'm also happy to report that I'm living with the love of my life, Barry Soileau of New Orleans."

**Michael Dittelman** left his job at *Sporting News* in May 2004 and is now executive director of marketing for *Popular Mechanics/Hearst* magazines. He is also a proud papa, as he and his wife, Michelle, had a son in July 2004. **Adam Kesselhaut** writes, "I am living in Europe building a career in music. My partner and I have some small radio successes here and have developed a modern rock musical called *Alberto*. It is a dramatic story of triumph about a young man who will keep singing throughout a ton of adversity." **Miriam Kolko** received an M.B.A., with a concentration in finance and nonprofit management, from the Katz Graduate School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh in August 2004. She accepted a position as director of development for Transitions/Cheech's House, a drug and alcohol recovery facility for Jewish young men, located in the Pittsburgh area. **Seth Larmden** lives in Chicago with **Susannah Levine**. Seth is training to compete in the 2006 Ultimate Fighting Championships. When not training, Seth writes a bimonthly column for the midwest regional newsletter (the *Beel 'n Chatter*) of a semi-national chain of roast beef restaurants and works as a policyholder insurance coverage attorney with the Chicago law firm of Schiff Hardin L.L.P. **Becca Patterson** and **Adil Karim** were married this past April on the Caltech campus in Pasadena, CA. They had a fabulous time and were delighted to celebrate with friends and family. Brandeisians who were able to share in their day included **Allan Hirt '94**, **Anthony Serio '95**, and **Rachel Gans '95**, and new son, **Nathaniel Max** (future class of '24?). **Jeremy Wally** received his Ph.D. in biophysics from

Boston University School of Medicine in August 2004. He has accepted a post-doctoral position studying membrane protein crystallography at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD. He and **Jeremie Lipczenko '98** also welcomed a son, **Mason Wally Lipczenko**, on July 1, 2004.

## 1997

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**Michelle L. Gross** married **Alon Moshe** on August 29, 2004, in Long Island, New York. They live in Manhattan. Members of the wedding party included **Shalini Srinivasan '98** and **Jeffrey Aizley '95**. Guests in attendance included **Ashley Blick '98** and **Karen Hsu '95**. Michelle was graduated from Brooklyn Law School in 2000 and joined the newly opened New York office of Berman and Sable where she works as a commercial litigator. **Greta Mendelsohn Fox** writes, "Having dated since college, **Evan Fox '98** and I were married on December 6, 2003, at Temple Israel in Lawrence, New York. We had tons of Brandeis alumni there to help us celebrate, including: **Tara Cook-Litman**, **Mimi Sager**, **Jocelyn Bell**, **Erica Davis-Blann**, **Richard Blann '98**, **Scott Khourie '98**, **Deva Finger '98**, **Michele Rothenberg '98**, **Gregg Fink '98**, **Naomi Turunen**, **Julie Stein**, and **Michelle Mackinnon '98**. Despite a record-setting winter blizzard hitting New York that night, our wedding was a blast! We are living on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. Evan is an attorney working in finance and I work in public relations for L'Oreal USA." **Benjamin Shahrabani** received an M.F.A. in producing from the UCLA School of Film, Theater, and Television in June 2002. He has produced and written two short films, and recently finished producing his first feature film, *June Cabin*.

## 1998

**Alexis Hirst**, Class Correspondent, 502 East 79th Street, #5D, New York, NY 10021 1998notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Ross Berger** cowrote an episode of *Law & Order*, entitled "Gov Love," which originally aired on November 17, 2004, during sweeps week. **Jeremie Lipczenko** received her master's in education from Lesley University in Cambridge, MA, in May 2004. She and **Jeremy Wally '96** welcomed a son, **Mason Wally Lipczenko**, on July 1, 2004. **Kirsten Winningholt** was graduated from SUNY Buffalo Law School in May 2004.

## 1999

**David Nurenberg**, Class Correspondent, 20 Moore Street, #3, Somerville, MA 02144 1999notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion** ordained **Rabbi Marci N. Bellows** in May 2004. For the last four years, Marci has taught religious school and tutored b'nai mitzvah students at Congregation Rodeph Shalom in New York, NY. She served as the student rabbi for two years at Congregation Beth Shalom in Brandon, FL, and as rabbinic intern for both Women of Reform Judaism and the Union of Reform Judaism's Mission on Social Action. **Thomas Hessel** married **Katherine Sadowski** on May 28, 2004, on Long Island, NY, and are living happily in Woodbridge, VA. Brandeis alumni in attendance included groomsmen **John Abercrombie '00**, **Jason Davis '00**, and **Peter Hoffman '00** as well as **Daniel Berlin**, **Sara Greengrass**, **Jonathan Penyack**, **Tracy Glanz '00**, **Mathew Mason '00**, **Jaclyn Markel '00**, **Brent Simon '00**, and **Kasy Foldes '01**. **Sarah Berger Laybourn** writes, "My husband, **Peter Laybourn**, and I were married on the Amalfi Coast of Italy in August of 2003. Peter is a lawyer from Copenhagen, Denmark, and we met in Hong Kong one summer while studying abroad in law school. We both were graduated from Duke Law School." On May 31, 2004, **Eric Danis** married **Anat Moshe** in Israel. Anat and Eric were married at Kibbutz Shetayim, with several

Brandeisians in attendance, including: **Timothy Creggan**, **Gary Klein**, **Sarah-Bess Dworin '01** and **Karen Hovav '00**. Eric and Anat live together in the city of Modi'in and would love to host any Brandeisians who find themselves in Israel.

## 2000

**5th Reunion**  
**June 10-12, 2005**  
**Matthew Salloway**, Class Correspondent, 304 West 92nd Street, Apt 5E, NY, NY 10025 2000notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

As we approach the five-year mark since graduation, so much has changed since our days at Brandeis. I would encourage you to write me and update the class on recent developments in your personal and professional lives. I would also like to remind everyone that our Fifth Reunion will take place June 10-12, 2005. Please mark your calendars for what will be an amazing and memorable experience. As for me, I was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and I'm now living in New York City, working in Times Square for a law firm, O'Melveny & Myers. I'd love to hear from everyone so please write (2000notes@alumni.brandeis.edu). Hope everyone is well. **Bethany Chu** writes, "I was married on June 6, 2004, to **Anthony Tierno** on Long Island, NY. We live in Melrose, MA, and I am in my fourth year at Boston University School of Medicine. Upon graduation in spring 2005, I plan to pursue a career in pathology." **Michael Conn** (M.A. '01, International Economics and Finance) writes, "After graduating in 2000, I stayed at Brandeis and finished my M.A. in 2001 at the International Business School (aka Lemberg). I moved back to Los Angeles in May 2001, got married in June of that same year, and worked in operations management for a large industrial distributor called McMaster-Carr until August of 2003. At this point I changed gears and enrolled in an executive M.B.A. program at USC. In

December of 2003 I began working at the *Los Angeles Times* as a senior financial analyst in strategic planning and that is where I have been ever since. I am finishing the first year of my executive MBA program, and working at the *Times* concurrently. My wife, **Cara**, and I celebrated our third wedding anniversary in June. The most exciting news of these last few years was the birth of our first child, **Alexander David Conn**, on April 9, 2004, at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Beverly Hills, CA. He is great and makes life really enjoyable. I hope to bring him to Brandeis for the Fifth Reunion. After a year of married life in an apartment in Beverly Hills, **Cara** and I bought our first house in a suburb of Los Angeles called Sherman Oaks in October of 2002. We now share our house with **Alexander**, two cats (**Ferris** and **Oliver**), and our dog, **Lily**. Who knows what/who we will add next to our menagerie. We would love to talk to any other alumni in the area. My info is on Louie-Net." **Steven Haber** was graduated from Brooklyn Law School in May 2004 and has since started working as an associate at Grunfeld, Desiderio, Lebowitz, Silverman & Klestadt, L.L.P., a law firm specializing in international trade law. **Marion Keren Kessler** received a doctor of medicine degree from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia in June 2004. Marion has remained in Philadelphia and is a resident in pediatrics at Saint Christopher's Hospital for Children. **Gaiele J. Levin** writes, "We have started organizing our Fifth Reunion, and I guarantee that this is going to be a weekend that you will never forget! Mark your calendars - June 10-12, 2005, and save the date. With so many exciting events planned, you will not want to miss this!" **Cheryl Pollock Stober** spent the last four-plus years in the finance industry at Bain Capital, and is also working part-time on her MBA at Boston University. She was married to **Marc Stober** in June 2002 and in January 2004, they had a daughter, **Hannah**. She writes, "It's a busy but wonderful life!" **Joshua Wallet** received a doctor of medicine degree from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia in June 2004. He is completing a residency in surgery at Temple University Hospital.

## 2001

**WenLin Soh**, Class Correspondent, 5000 C Marine Parade Road, #12-11, Singapore 449286, or Class of 2001, Brandeis University, MS 124, P.O. Box 549110, Waltham, MA 02454-9110 2001notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

At the end of September I started my new job as an associate consultant at a management and strategy consulting firm, Marakon Associates, in their Singapore office. The job had a great start—two weeks of training in London, with the second week spent with the 58 new hires worldwide! Imagine my delight when I met fellow Brandeisian **Darryn Sneller '93** at training. So far client projects have involved a middle-eastern bank and a multinational life insurance company. If you'd like to find out more about Marakon, drop me a note at 2001notes@alumni.brandeis.edu - **WenLin Soh**. **Ariel Ahram** is still in graduate school at Georgetown University, where he is pursuing a doctorate in government and a master's in Arab studies. **Erica Bloom** writes, "I'm living in Chicago, working at National Cable Communications, a cable rep firm, selling ad spots on cable. I've been here for two years and am thoroughly enjoying all this city has to offer. I still keep in touch with many fellow Brandeisians, including **Jodi Kaplan**, who's in her fourth year of osteopath school." **Lisa Cagnacci** writes, "I directed the premiere of *Playing*, a new play by a Canadian playwright, **Jodi Miller**, at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in August. I was also selected as a semi-finalist in a sitcom-writing competition run by the BBC, making it to the final eight out of four-and-a-half thousand entrants, and was invited to spend a week workshopping my script at the BBC's offices in West London." **Sarah Chandler** will graduate from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in May 2005 with a master's of arts in Informal Jewish Education, focusing on outdoor education and eco-spiritual Jewish pluralistic community building. Sarah resides on the upper west



side of Manhattan where she co-coordinates a new musical monthly minyan called "Kol Zimrah." She also works part-time for the Teva Learning Center and the JCC in Manhattan.

**Francesca (Fran) DiFulvio** writes, "I am busy applying to grad school for a master's in social work for fall 2005. I am living in Richmond, VA, working as an office manager and volunteering at a local no-kill animal shelter and an adult literacy center, still waiting for my career to begin!"

**Matthew A. Gittlitz** writes, "I was married to Dorian Rebecca Levine in August 2004 at Woodbury Jewish Center, Woodbury NY. I am enrolled in the two-year fulltime M.B.A. program at Babson College, graduating in May of 2005."

**Rachael Goren** writes, "This fall I started a master's in public health program at UMASS Amherst, where I am specializing in community health education. I just bought a house with my fiancé, **Molly Jackson-Watts** '02, in Amherst and we are enjoying the country life. **Molly, Lee Goldstein**, and **Gardy Guiteau** '02, are all currently in graduate school at UMASS Amherst."

**Sara Greenfield** writes, "**Herb Miller** and I were married in May 2004, in Brookfield, CT. We moved from Boston to Denver in July. After Herb completed his master's in higher education administration from Harvard, he accepted a job working for the Princeton Review in Colorado. In this role, he works as a college adviser in the Denver area high schools helping improve and coordinate the college admissions process. He is really enjoying the new position. I stopped working for Digitas, a marketing consulting firm in Boston, and am now a product manager for Time Warner Telecom helping to develop new Internet and data products and market them to businesses. I am also enjoying this new position."

**Jordan Isenstadt** has been working for over a year as the press secretary for New York State Senator Liz Krueger, a Democrat who represents the East Side of Manhattan and midtown. He spent much of the summer and the fall working on two successful State Senate campaigns in the Bronx and Westchester. Jordan lives in Manhattan with his girlfriend, **Lauren Rilkin**, who is a marketing director at Scholastic, Inc.

**Natalie Ishimura Easter** and

**Brent Easter** '02 celebrated their one-year wedding anniversary in November 2004. The were married last year in Norwich, CT.

**Konika Jain** writes, "I moved back to New York City after spending three years in Boston. I just became a CPA, and work as a tax accountant at Weiser, L.L.P. I am loving it!"

**Nadine Kantrow** is an account manager at **Marie Claire** in New York City. She is living in Hoboken and loving life.

**Jane Kohuth** finished her master's degree in theological studies at Harvard Divinity School in August 2004. She moved the next day to Alexandria, VA, where her boyfriend, **Michael Stepansky** '00, is a student in the master's of public policy program at George Washington University. Jane works as the assistant director of education at Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria.

**Micol Mion** writes, "I finished my M.S.C.J. and I am now in my second year of law school. This past summer (2004) I was a summer associate for the international law firm Simmons & Simmons, in their corporate law dept., first in Italy and then in London. I will be working for them again this coming summer in London."

**Shana Ratalia-Brown** writes, "I finished law school in May 2004 and am working at Rappahannock Legal Services, which provides free legal aid to the poor. I married Randy Gertner, a nephrologist, in August 2004 and we live in Fredericksburg, VA."

**Tamar Saturne Cunha** writes, "After graduation I spent a year at the Center for Coastal Studies (of the School for Field Studies) in Baja California Sur, Mexico. I married Ze'Manel Cunha in August 2002. In attendance were **Cheryl Greenwald**, **Julia Becker**, **Stacey Snow**, **Laurie Snow**, **Lindsey Schust**, **Emily Pikoff**, **Maya Kuznetsov**, and **Yaser Robles** '03. I'm working on my master's degree in zoology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I plan on graduating in May 2005 and returning to the East Coast soon after that."

**Sanchali Sen Gupta Biswas** writes, "I am pursuing a master's in education (student affairs administration) at the University of South Florida and will graduate in

**Barbara Bleecker Appelbaum** '62 of New York City passed away on August 20, 2004, after a 34-year battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). She is survived by her son, Joseph; and her sister, Joan B. Rosen.

**Michael Astour** '62 (Ph.D., Mediterranean Studies) of Collinsville, IL, passed away on October 7, 2004. He was a professor of Yiddish and Russian literature at Brandeis University and professor of history at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

**Michael Cole** '73 passed away on July 15, 2004. After graduating from Brandeis, Michael worked as director of marketing, promotions, and group sales for the Boston Celtics for nine years. During that time, he was the founder and creator of Boston's "Shamrock Classic Road Race." He was also vice president of team services for the NBA. Michael's extensive sports marketing career also included being the president and general manager of the Omaha Racers. He also held various roles with Bob Wolfe Associates. He was involved with the American Hockey League, the NFL, Orlando Solar Bears, the Portland Fire, and the New Hampshire Thunderbolts. He is survived by his mother, Julia Cleary; and a sister, Susan.

**Richard Collins** '54, of Waltham, MA, died July 6, 2004, peacefully at his home after a long illness. He was a lifelong resident of Waltham and was taught English at Waltham High School for 37 years. He served in the Korean War as a specialist third class in the U.S. Army. For many years, he volunteered with the Waltham High School football team, and was a member of the Waltham High School Football Hall of Fame. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; daughters, Maureen McCartney, Patti-Ann Collins, and Kathleen Santiago; son, Richard L. Collins, Jr.; sisters, Phyllis McCarthy and Olive Melanson; 15 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

**Daria L. Donnelly** '87 (M.A., English and American Literature, Ph.D. '91, English and American Literature) of Cambridge, MA, passed away on September 21, 2004. She is survived by her husband, Steven J. Weissburg; her children, Leo and Josephine Weissburg; her parents, Thomas J. and Marilyn Donnelly; and several brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

**Esther Herman Osborne** '58 (M.A., Psychology) passed away on September 29, 2004, following a very brief illness. She was a counseling psychologist at Brandeis for over 40 years. She is survived by several relatives, including her

children, Stephen Osborne, Freda Gordon and Paul Osborne; and eight grandchildren.

**Maxine Hope Kronish Snyder** '75 (M.A., Jewish Communal Service) of Silver Spring, MD, passed away on July 29, 2004, after a long battle with cancer. Maxine was an active member of her Jewish community, especially in the field of education, and she loved Israel and visited often. She is survived by her husband, Edward L. Snyder; her children, Davida and Ami Snyder; and her parents, Rabbi Leon Kronish and Lillian Kronish.

**Carol Lanciot McQuaid** '80 of Lowell, MA, passed away on August 21, 2004, after a long illness. She was a 19-year employee of the *Lowell Sun*. She began her career as the entertainment editor and reporter and then became the associate editor. She is survived by her husband, John; her children, Peter, Elizabeth, and Timothy; two sisters, and two brothers.

**Jeryl Laub Greenfield** '77 passed away July 5, 2004. Among her survivors are a daughter, **Arielle Greenfield** '05, sister, **Deborah Laub Lawrence** '75, and brother-in-law, **David Lawrence** '75.

**Jacquelyn Mack Hogan** '69 passed away on June 26, 2004.

**Thomas Leen** '62, of Las Vegas, passed away on May 26, 2004, after a lengthy illness. He was a lawyer who was committed to law enforcement and the community. He served in the Air Force from 1966 to 1970 where he served a tour of duty in Vietnam and was awarded the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service. In addition, he spoke three languages fluently. He was admitted to the Nevada bar in 1969. From 1971 to 1973, Thomas worked for the Clark County Legal Services Program. He joined the Clark County public defender's office in 1974. In 1981 he began working for the Clark County district attorney's office. Thomas is survived by his wife, Peggy.

**Jeanette Moghabghab Hajjar** '69 (M.A., History of Ideas; Ph.D. '81, History of Ideas) died on April 24, 2004, at her home in Marshfield, MA. She was a nationally known educator and authority on Middle Eastern history and culture, writing many articles and stories about the Middle East and Boston Arab community. She served in the Peace Corps in Morocco at the age of 50, made her first parachute jump at 51, and tried white water rafting at 56. Jeanette is survived by her husband, Paul Ewer, and his children, Kari Finn and Douglas Ewer; a brother, Fred Hajjar, and several nieces and nephews.

**Clark T. Sawin** '54, a medical

researcher, educator, author, and lecturer in the fields of endocrinology and medical history and medical inspector for the Veterans Affairs' health care system in Washington, D.C., passed away on August 11 after a battle with cancer. Clark spent most of his career in Boston and settled in the Washington, D.C., area six years ago to work with the Veterans health care system. His research interests were in clinical thyroid disease, focusing on treatment of hypothyroidism and aging-related changes in thyroid function. His lifelong passion, however, was the history of endocrinology. In this area, he wrote more than 80 articles and historical vignettes, and was a regular speaker on the topic at national and international endocrinology meetings. He is survived by his wife, Leslie Long Sawin; three children from his first marriage, Jennifer, Philip, and Kenneth; three sisters, a brother, and two grandchildren.

**Julian Soschnick** '53, of Rockport, MA, passed away on August 7, 2004. Julian was an assistant attorney general in Boston in the 1960s during the time of "The Boston Strangler." His assignment was to hide from the press Peter Hurkos, the clairvoyant whom authorities, desperate to find a suspect, brought in to help solve the case. In 1967 he was instrumental in the establishment of Analogic Corporation, now a leading developer and manufacturer of advanced medical and security imaging equipment. In 1981 he joined the company full time as general counsel. He was appointed vice president in 1982 and clerk in 1988. He retired as general counsel in 2003 but continued to serve as vice president until February 2004. Julian is survived by his wife, Martha; a daughter, Jo Anne; a son, Jeffrey; and a granddaughter.

**Anne H. Sternberg** '66, passed away on May 13, 2004, from lung cancer.

**Ronald Sukenick** '57 (M.A., English and American Literature; Ph.D. '62, English and American Literature), an American writer whose work dealt playfully and self-referentially with the conventions of fiction, died on July 22, 2004, at his home in New York City. Although not popularly accessible, Ronald persisted throughout his life in pushing at the boundaries of fictional form, even playing with typography and the blank spaces between his printed words to represent what he saw as the breakdown in human communication. He came to be recognized both in academic circles and by his peers as a leading

representative of innovation. In 1956, Mr. Sukenick began his long teaching career as a lecturer at Brandeis. Later he taught at Hofstra, City College, Sarah Lawrence, and in France and Israel. From 1975 to 2002 he was a professor of English at the University of Colorado at Boulder, where he was also director of creative writing until 1977 and director of the publications center from 1986 to 1999. Using the leverage of his successful teaching career, he encouraged other writers with similar bents. In 1974 he helped start the Fiction Collective, a publishing cooperative, and in 1977 he founded the American Book Review to focus attention on writers outside the mainstream. In 2002, a year after the publication of his most recent novel, an e-book titled *Cows* (altX Press), he received the Morton Zabel Award for innovative writing from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, which cited him for pushing "the formal possibilities of American fiction to its limits" and in the process "illuminating new pathways to the center of the human psyche." He was also a member of the executive council of the Modern Language Association and from 1975 to 1977 was chairman of the board of the Coordinating Council of Little Magazines. He is survived by his wife, Julia Frey; and a sister, Gloria.

**Scott Thaler** '83, of Bethesda, MD, died of melanoma on August 27, 2004. Scott earned his medical degree from Harvard University in 1987. He went on to complete his internship and residency at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. By the mid-1990s, Scott was dividing his time as an attending physician in the infectious diseases division at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Dana Farber Cancer Institute, and as an instructor at Harvard Medical School. In 1997, he accepted a clinical vaccine research position at Merck Research Laboratories, a pharmaceutical company in West Point, PA, where he researched vaccines for pediatric diseases and HIV. In early 2004, Scott became the chief medical officer of the Aeras Global TB Vaccine Foundation in Bethesda. He was participating in the development of an affordable tuberculosis vaccine for the Third World. He was a dog lover who owned two German shepherds, Sal and Max. He participated in German shepherd rescue efforts, acting as a foster parent for dogs. He also enjoyed house renovations and spending time at home with his wife, Wendy Finn. In addition to his wife, Scott is survived by his parents, Brenda and Herbert, a brother, Eric; and a sister, Heidi Blake.

**Annie Weld Bell** '72 of Gloucester, MA, passed away on October 19, 2004, after a six-year battle with breast cancer. Annie owned and operated the Glass Sail Boat, a café and clothing and jewelry shop in Gloucester.



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spring 2006. My husband, Sourav, and I went to India in December 2004 to visit family and did a lot of shopping." **Jamie Shapiro** writes, "I graduated from law school in Los Angeles in May 2004 and now live in Israel."

**Gail Silverman** writes, "Since leaving Brandeis, I was graduated from New York University with both an M.P.A. in public and non-profit management and an M.A. in Jewish studies. I work at UJA-Federation of New York, reviewing agencies that get unrestricted grants and doing conceptual work on Jewish communities of the future." **Jill Virag** writes, "I received my master's in media and communications from the New School and am on my way to finishing up another in modern Jewish history at Yeshiva University. I am also teaching kindergarten at a nearby day school. I plan to work in museum education and programming in the near future. I see **Adina Gluckman** and **Cheryl Turk** on a weekly basis!"

## 2002

**Hannah R. Johnson**, Class Correspondent, 68 California Street, Watertown, MA 02472 2002notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Happy spring, Class of 2002! The year 2005 is going to have a lot to live up to after the Red Sox broke their curse in October, but I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying life. **Melissa Daghighian** started her first year of law school at Loyola School of Law in California. **Janelle Clark** is in her third year at the University of Michigan pursuing her Ph.D. in psychology and social work. **Natalee Graham** is pursuing her law degree in New York City. Congratulations are in order for **Carine Valbrun Luxama** on her marriage to Magnus Luxama in December 2003! Carine is in her second year at Mass General's Institute of Health Professions and is pursuing her master's in adult/women's health nursing. Congratulations also to **Rashad Williams** and **Marsha Pierre Jacques Williams '01** on their August 2004 wedding! Please continue to send in your class updates!

## 2003

**Caroline Litwack**, Class Correspondent, 1602 44th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20007 2003notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Hello Class of 2003! Hope all is well with everyone, and life is treating you OK. I am in my second semester of graduate school at Georgetown University and soon I will be researching my thesis topic! Time flies! Here's what other 2003 alumni have to report. **Adam Perlin** writes, "I am a student at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. This past summer I had the privilege of interning for the Honorable Chester J. Straub, a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. This year, I am an associate editor for the *Journal of International Economic Law* and am working on an article comparing how the United States Supreme Court and the High Court of Australia utilize theories of original intent and meaning in Commerce Clause analysis. (Sounds fascinating, doesn't it?) Simply put, it compares differing theories of constitutional interpretation between the U.S. Supreme Court and the High Court of Australia. I have not yet decided which firm yet, but I will be working as a summer associate for some New York law firm in 2005." **David Dagan** is a reporter at the Central Penn Business Journal, a newspaper in Harrisburg, PA. He covers financial services, energy and state government. Before moving there in November 2004, he worked in Washington, D.C., at the Center for Public Integrity, an investigative journalists' group. On another note, **Marianna Zilberman** and

**Brian Ashin** were married on October 17 in Philadelphia. In the wedding party were many Brandeis alumni, including best man **Jason Cohen '02**, groomsmen **Adam Baumwoll '02** and **Stephen Medow**, and bridesmaids **Sarah Leroy** and **Valerie Zaenchik**. Also, there were over 20 Brandeis-related guests at the wedding—almost like a reunion! Mazel tov to the Ashins! **Aaron Shainwold Schenberg** was featured on the MTV series *True Life*, in the episode, "I'm Gay and Getting Married," which originally aired on June 24, 2004, and documented three gay couples seeking marriage licenses in Massachusetts. Aaron was married to Stephen Schenberg in May 2004. Please email me your post-graduate endeavors at 2003notes@alumni.brandeis.edu. I look forward to hearing from you. -Caroline

## 2004

**Audra Lissell**, Class Correspondent, 11 Cross Street, Plympton, MA, 02367 2004notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

## Grad

**Sara Steinert Borella '93** (Ph.D., Comparative Literature), professor of French at Pacific University in Forest Grove, OR, received the university's undergraduate teaching award in June 2004 established by the S.S. Johnson Foundation. Sara was recognized for her outstanding teaching and mentoring skills as a member of the university's College of Arts and Sciences faculty and for her ability to "make the classroom come alive." She is also chair of Pacific University's world languages and literatures department. **John J. Broderick '69** (M.A., Physics; Ph.D. '70, Physics), of Blacksburg, VA, professor of physics in the College of Science at Virginia Tech, was conferred with the title professor emeritus by the Virginia Tech board of visitors during the board's quarterly meeting in August 2004. A member of the Virginia Tech faculty since 1974, John developed and



# Nominations Sought for 2005 Dean's Mentoring Award



**Ruth Osuch '94**  
(Ph.D., Social Policy)

taught several astronomy courses to undergraduate students with science and engineering majors as well as non-science majors. He also established a radio astronomy research program at Virginia Tech with approximately 80 publications associated with his work. In addition to his teaching and research, he responded to numerous questions related to astronomy from the general public and participated in several astronomy outreach programs for the broader community. John is a member of the International Astronomical Union, International Scientific Radio Union, and the American Astronomical Society. **Philip Chassler '02** (Ph.D., English and American Literature) writes, "I have been teaching as a full time lecturer in the American Studies program at UMass Boston since the 2002-03 academic year." **Stephen Coan '84** (M.M.H.S. '90, Human Services Management, Ph.D. '97, Social Policy) was named executive vice president for operations at Mystic Aquarium & Institute for Exploration. In this position he oversees all education, marketing, communications, fundraising, facilities, and financial and human resources departments. He is also executive director of the Immersion Institute at the aquarium. **Debra Feldstein '96** (M.M.H.S., Human Services Management) accepted the position of executive director for City Year San Jose/Silicon Valley

located in San Jose, CA. An "action tank" for national service, City Year seeks to demonstrate, improve, and promote the concept of national service as a means of building a stronger democracy. City Year unites a diverse group of young people, ages 17 to 24, for a year of fulltime, rigorous community service, leadership development, and civic engagement. **Jason Giannetti '01** (M.A., Near Eastern and Judaic Studies) is professor of philosophy at Framingham State College in Massachusetts. He is the proud new father of Aden Louis, who was born in April 2004. **Bruce Jackson '03** (M.S., Molecular and Cell Biology) has a one-year appointment as a senior researcher at TERC Communications, a not-for-profit education research and development organization in Cambridge, MA. TERC's mission is to improve math, science, and technology teaching and learning. Bruce also heads several projects at the Boston University School of Medicine, including The Roots Project, and the environmental science and research training project, RIMES. Through The Roots Project he has been collecting DNA samples from African-American and Caribbean people of African ancestry to trace DNA from these groups back to the West African ethnic groups that were the source of slaves. The RIMES project's goal is to markedly increase the number of underrepresented minorities and women investigators in the environmental sciences. He is also involved with mentoring non-traditional students, helping them move from high school to two-year and four-year colleges and Ph.D. programs. **Brendan McDougall '90** (M.A., Physics; Ph.D. '00, Physics) is a senior process engineer with Applied Materials in Sunnyvale, CA. He presented a paper for the atomic layer deposition (ALD) of SiN at the ALD conference in Helsinki in August 2004 and travels frequently to Seoul. Brendan and his son, Tristan, are studying their cultural background with the Academy of Hawaiian Arts in Oakland, CA, and his daughter, Adina, studies ballet with the Santa Monica Dance Studio. **Damir**

**Mirkovic '68** (M.A., Sociology) retired as professor of sociology at Brandon University in Manitoba, Canada in 2000 and received the rank of professor emeritus in 2001. He published a review of Ivo Goldstein's "Holocaust u ZAGREBU" in the November 4, 2003, issue of the Journal of Genocide Research. **Ruth Osuch '94** (Ph.D., Social Policy) of LaGrange Park, IL, was promoted to associate professor of social work at the University of Saint Francis (USF) in Joliet. She was noted for her active community service and for combining service and the application of disciplinary expertise. Ruth joined the USF faculty in 1996. In addition to her Brandeis degree, she holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Saint Francis and master's degrees from the University of California-Berkeley and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. **Fulvio Perini '63** (Ph.D., Biochemistry) retired in 2002 from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Associate Professor of Psychology **John Ruscio '95** (M.A., Psychology) was granted tenure by the Elizabethtown College (Elizabethtown, PA) board of trustees. John's current research interests involve judgment and decision making, investigating such things as the accuracy of intuitive judgments, the confidence with which they are held and situational factors that can affect the quality of our predictions. In another line of research, he has been working on the development, evaluation, and application of taxometric statistical techniques to test the structure of psychological disorders. This research can help to determine whether the goal in psychodiagnosis should

be to classify individuals into distinct groups or to assess the severity of one's disorder. He has published more than two-dozen peer-reviewed journal articles as well as two books. Along with his wife, Ayelet Meron Ruscio, and a colleague at the University of Melbourne, he is currently writing a book on the taxometric method. A nationally-recognized poet and a California State Los Angeles Outstanding Professor, **Christopher Sawyer-Laucanno '76** (M.A., Literary Studies, Ph.D. '83, Literary Studies) is a writer-in-residence at MIT, and author of a new book, *E.E. Cummings: a biography* (2004). His other books include *The Continual Pilgrimage: American Writers in Paris, 1944-1960* and *An Invisible Spectator: A Biography of Paul Bowles*, which was a *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year. **Timothy Steele '72** (M.A., English and American Literature; Ph.D. '77 English and American Literature) was presented a prestigious Robert Fitzgerald Prosody Award at the tenth annual West Chester Poetry Conference. The Fitzgerald award is unique among literary and academic prizes in recognizing scholars who have made a lasting contribution to the art and science of versification. Since 1979, Timothy has published nine books of poetry and two books of prosodical history and metrical analysis. He has also written many articles and reviews of and about poetry, and he has edited the poems of J. V. Cunningham (1997). Timothy taught at Stanford University and UCLA before joining the Cal State L.A. faculty in 1987. He has taught classes in the classical and medieval tradition, the history of literary criticism, classical rhetoric, modern poetry, and creative writing. Timothy's other honors and awards include a Guggenheim Fellowship, a Peter I.B. Lavan Younger Poets Award from the Academy of American Poets, the Commonwealth Club of California Medal for Poetry, a California Arts Council Grant, and the Los Angeles PEN Center's Literary Award for Poetry. He has been the subject of an interview on National Public Radio, and his poems have been featured on Garrison Keillor's "Writers' Almanac."

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**C. Otis Sweezey '74** (M.F.A., Theater Arts) writes, "In the summer of 2004, I spent two and a half weeks in Cuba, documenting the events of Carnival in Santiago de Cuba. I will be creating an extensive Website about the event, which will include photos and video. I have taught theater at Southern Illinois University for 30 years, and am now chair of the department. My present research is in multimedia for theater productions and using the Web for documentary purposes. My "History of Costumes" Website has had over 1.3 million visitors." The Carnegie Endowment and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Higher Education (CASE) named **Howard Tinberg '82** (Ph.D., English and American Literature) the 2004 Community College Professor of the Year. The award ceremony was held in Washington, D.C., on November 18, 2004.

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A prominent real estate broker with Coldwell Banker in Newton Centre, Aileen became interested in estate planning as a way to establish an endowed chair.

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# Dear Reader

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I am no stranger to beavers. I have read a lot about them and seen countless nature films extolling their industriousness and engineering abilities. I have been startled half to death by the alarm slaps of their tails upon the surface of ponds I was fishing. I have even hand-fed and petted a partly-tamed one that regularly visited a landowner in New Brunswick. But I had never before taken the time to systematically explore the design and execution of one of their dams. Expecting a chance jumbling of flotsam, I was astonished by the architecture of what I found.

Beavers are not endowed with opposable thumbs on nimble hands. It seems as unlikely for such a creature to accomplish precise and subtle handiwork as for a group of twentieth-century business leaders to establish a successful new

university near Boston. Yet, the intricacy of construction, revealed to me during my examination of the dam, seemed to have been performed by skilled builders with well-drafted plans. Each tree branch, many the thickness of my arm and as long as my body, was interwoven, like disciplines in an inspired curriculum, with newly-cut, four-foot wands of aspen the thickness of my thumb at one end, tapering and branching and ending in a spray of fresh green growth at the other. The interlocked elements were anchored so skillfully, like the foundation of a rock-solid education, that my probing tugs on any one of them revealed no unsteadiness whatsoever. The dam was a work of such innate conception, instinctive perfection, and fated certainty, even in the face of odds against its success, that it reminded me of Brandeis.

The more I probed, the more I was moved to wonder aloud: "How in the world did they build this so well so fast?"

Cliff

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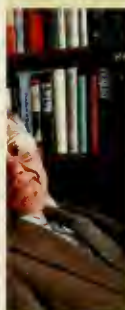
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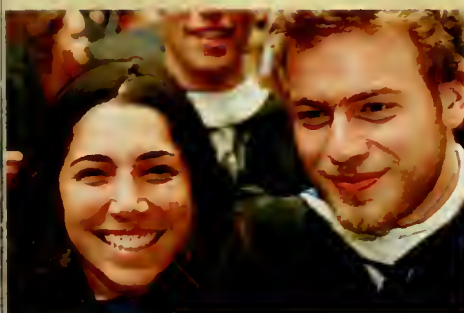
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## The Innermost Parts

### Auspicious Opening

#### Middle East Surveyed at Crown Center Kickoff

Displaying for the public its commitment to avoid the ideological muddle plaguing similar centers at other universities, the inaugural conference for the new Crown Center for Middle East Studies at Brandeis featured leading Middle

East thinkers from the Arab world alongside their colleagues from Israel and the United States.

The conference, organized by Crown Center director Shai Feldman, drew large crowds to the five sessions at the Rita Dee and Harold Hassenfeld Conference Center.

Participants in the conference included Kanan Makiya, longtime leader of the Iraqi opposition to Saddam Hussein and the Sylvia K. Hassenfeld Professor of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies at Brandeis; Khalil Shikaki, director of the Palestine Center for Policy and Survey Research in Ramallah; Sari Nusseibeh, president of Al-Quds University in Jerusalem; Abdel Monem Said Aly, director of the Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies in Cairo; Martin Kramer, a researcher at the Moshe Dayan Center in Tel Aviv; Geoffrey Kemp, director of regional strategic programs at the Nixon Center in Washington, D.C., and Osman Faruk Logoglu '63, ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to the United States.

Topics of discussion included the futures of Iraq, Iran and Syria; the possibility of political

transformation in the region; Israel's disengagement plan; the next steps in Palestinian-Israeli relations; and the debate over Middle East Studies programs in the U.S.

Nearly 100 people were present at a dinner at the Faculty Club attended by leading center supporter Lester Crown. Assia Bensalah Alaoui, director of research at the Centre of Strategic Studies at Mohammed V University in Morocco, delivered the keynote address about the future of women in the Arab world.

Many of the conference participants offered their congratulations on the opening of the Crown Center. Some offered advice. "I urge the Crown Center to celebrate its difference, provide an alternative, show another way, and don't try to reinvent the wheel but find a way to fly," Kramer said.



Above: Malik Mufti, director of the Middle Eastern Studies Program at Tufts University, addresses conference attendees. Right: Lester Crown with director Shai Feldman



### Press Conference

#### Gralla Fellows Named for July Event

Twenty journalists from 12 states and Canada were selected to participate in the 2005 Gralla Fellows Program for Journalists in the Jewish Press this summer at Brandeis.

The premier advanced journalism seminar in the nation on the American Jewish community, the Gralla Fellows Program is designed to enhance journalists' knowledge of Judaism, American Jewish life, and trends relevant to religion reporting. The program will be held July 17-21 on the Brandeis campus. Fellows were selected



## Leonard's Legacy

### Arts Festival Renamed

President Jehuda Reinharz announced that the University's annual arts celebration has been renamed the Leonard Bernstein Festival of the Creative Arts in honor of the event's founder, legendary American composer, and onetime Brandeis faculty member.

In 1952, Bernstein established the Brandeis Festival of the Creative Arts, which featured the premiere of his one-act opera "Trouble in Tahiti," to coincide with the University's first commencement. A renowned composer, conductor and teacher, Bernstein served on the Department of Music faculty at Brandeis from 1951-55. He died in 1990.

"Leonard Bernstein was certainly one of the greatest artists of the 20th century, and Brandeis is proud to

formalize the legacy to our University through the naming of the festival he founded," Reinharz said. "During his years on our music faculty, he helped bring national attention to Brandeis through the arts."

Said Alexander Bernstein, the son of the famed composer: "We are proud that Brandeis University, which meant so much to my father, has chosen to honor him in this way. The festival celebrates not only my father's artistry and teaching, but the values of intellectual achievement, creative excellence, and social responsibility that he held so dear."

In addition to "Trouble in Tahiti," Bernstein's first Festival of the Creative Arts also featured Marc Blitzstein's translation of

Bernstein at work on the Brandeis campus in the 1950s



"Bertolt Brecht" and Kurt Weill's "The Threepenny Opera," performed by Lotte Lenya. The festival also hosted dance performances by Merce Cunningham, music by Aaron Copland and Miles Davis, and poetry readings by William Carlos Williams.

This year's festival was a five-day celebration of the creativity of Brandeis students, faculty, alumni, and professional artists, and featured concerts, plays, and visual arts exhibited across campus.

The festival showcased more than 150 actors, singers, dancers, and musicians, including Boston Secession, Boston Opera Project, Elliot Norton Award winner Annette Miller '58, the Brandeis Jazz Trio, and the Actors' Shakespeare Project.

The festival concluded with a performance of Bernstein's music by the Brandeis-Wellesley Orchestra and a colorful fireworks display for the Waltham-area community.

from a competitive pool of candidates in the print, audio, and digital media.

"We are delighted to welcome leading Jewish journalists from throughout the United States and Canada to Brandeis this summer as Gralla Fellows," Brandeis President Jehuda

Reinharz said. "We are proud of Brandeis's ongoing commitment to enhancing the quality of religion journalism in North America, and deepening journalists' knowledge of the American Jewish community."

Fellows participate in a series of lectures, seminars, tours, and workshops led by leading scholars,

journalists and community leaders. The program is directed by Jonathan D. Sarna, the Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History in the Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies at Brandeis.

The Gralla Fellows Program is made possible by a grant from Milton Gralla, co-founder of Gralla Publications and creator and editor of outstanding trade publications for more than 30 years. Fellows receive funding for tuition, room and board, and a travel stipend.

## "Benny's Boys" Score Winning Goal



Bill McKenna '55, captain of the 1955 Brandeis football team, is deeply moved by an old photo of Benny and the team.

### Friedman finally makes Hall of Fame

They came from California, Calgary, Boston, and many places in between, gray-haired former captains of industry, scientists, lawyers, and educators brought together to pay tribute to the coach who a half-century earlier taught them lessons for a lifetime. Some two dozen of "Benny's Boys" – the moniker assigned them by the media – gathered on August 7 in Canton, Ohio, to witness late Brandeis football coach Benny Friedman's long-overdue enshrinement in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Many of the attendees had played a role in efforts to bring attention to the gridiron feats of the man considered the father of the forward pass, and then worked to persuade Hall of Fame voters to consider his candidacy.

"It was exciting and emotional," said Dick Bergel '57, a former halfback and Brandeis trustee. "I think there were a number of emotions. It was sad that

he wasn't there to see it himself. Second, there was elation that it finally happened, and it was thrilling that so many people were there to share it."

Said Myron Uhlberg '55, who played fullback for Friedman, "There was a tremendous sense of fulfillment, a certain rightness to the event."

"What we accomplished as individuals and as a group, coming together 50 years later to correct a bad situation, was very significant," said Bill McKenna '55, an end who went on to play for the Canadian Football League's Calgary Stampeders. "I'm proud of my fellow players and what they've accomplished in life and what they did here."

At the enshrinement ceremony, the players sat together in a special VIP seating section with family and friends of the other inductees--Fritz Pollard, Dan Marino and Steve Young. The Brandeis contingent comprised the largest portion of Friedman supporters.

"I was choked with emotion," said former basketball star Rudy Finderson '58, who stayed close with Friedman long after the two left Brandeis. "There were tears in my eyes. Finally what should have come to pass finally did."

The players were heartened that Friedman and Pollard, another NFL pioneer and the first black to coach in the league, were accorded the same attention as modern-day passing stars Marino and Young.

The players gathered for dinner at a nearby restaurant on the night before the induction to share stories about Friedman and their glory days on the football field.

"As a group we didn't just tell the war stories--of course we did that--but we were there to celebrate what we accomplished," McKenna said. "It's something that only a team can do and only a team can take pride in."

On the morning of the induction ceremony, the players toured the Hall of Fame, viewing the spot where Friedman's bust will reside for eternity. Friedman's credentials as a pro player were impeccable, but for some reason he had never been recognized with enshrinement in the Hall of Fame. In 1998, for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Brandeis's founding, his players organized a tribute dinner to Friedman. The attendees at the dinner plotted a course to increase awareness of Friedman's football exploits with the hope of one day landing him in Canton. Former team manager Bob Weintraub '55 took a lead role.

"We said at that dinner, 'We've got to do something for Benny,'" Weintraub recalled. "From our point of view, we got the ball rolling. We felt a tremendous sense of accomplishment that he finally made it. We were there for him and that's what mattered."



Benny Friedman's helmet is now enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.





Benny's Brandeis supporters at Canton: (back row, l to r) Rudy finderson '58, Pat Sirkus '56, Anton Lahnston '60, Ray Deveaux '57, Bob Weintraub '55, Jimmy Stehlin '57, Mimi Bergel '57, Tom Egan '55, Bill McKenna '55, Ruth Porter Bernstein '57, Mike Long '60, Myron Uhlberg '55, Jack Kirby '60, Dave Burman '57; (front row, l to r) Murray Greenberg '77, Dick Bergel '57, George Doring '61, Ed Manganiello '54, Dave Walker '60, Bill Orman '57.

A two-time All-American as a collegian at the University of Michigan, Friedman played for the Cleveland Bulldogs, Detroit Wolverines, New York Giants and Brooklyn Dodgers in an NFL career that stretched from 1927-34. He was so popular that the Giants purchased the entire Detroit franchise to acquire Friedman in 1929, and then signed him to a league-high \$10,000 contract at a time when most players earned \$100 a game. Friedman twice passed for more than 1,500 yards in a season--an unheard of total for that era. In 1928, he led the NFL in both rushing touchdowns and passing TDs, a feat that has never been equaled.

At Brandeis, Friedman served as head football coach from 1950 until the program was discontinued after the 1959 season. He doubled as athletic director and was regarded as one of the University's top fundraisers. Friedman, who was in the very first class of inductees

into the College Football Hall of Fame, was inducted into the inaugural class of the Brandeis Athletic Hall of Fame in 1993.

McKenna said Friedman's players learned as much from their coach as from any member of the Brandeis faculty.

"Nobody benefited more from the Brandeis experience than the student-athletes," McKenna said. "Three hours every day we were learning from an additional professor, and that was Professor Friedman."

And what would Friedman, who died in 1982 at the age of 77, have thought about his eternal enshrinement in pro football's sacred shrine?

"I think he would have accepted it with a great deal of humility and thanked everyone for their support," McKenna said. "I think



he would have been very touched about what his players had done for him. It would have been a very emotional moment for him and us."

Said Bergel, "I think Benny would have been proud as a peacock. I think he would have been thrilled that 50 years later, 25 people who played for him came back to honor him."

--David E. Nathan

Enjoying renewed camaraderie are (l to r) Ray Deveaux '57, John Kirkwood '56, and Bill Orman '57.

**For more information about the Benny Friedman Endowed Scholarship, contact Mark Ableman, assistant vice president of annual giving.**

## Of Mice and Rett's

### Brandeis Biologists Win McKnight Award

Six years ago, a breakthrough discovery opened a window into our understanding of Rett syndrome, a devastating disease that profoundly affects brain growth and development after a seemingly normal start in life. Scientists discovered that a single mutated gene on the X chromosome causes Rett syndrome, a condition characterized by mental retardation and autism disorders almost exclusively in girls.

While the discovery of this mutant gene, called *meCP2*, was the first major advance in understanding this mysterious disease, scientists still don't know how the gene causes Rett. Brandeis biologists Gina Turrigiano and Sacha Nelson hope to narrow the gap in knowledge through research into the cortical circuits of mice that lack the gene, to pinpoint where the change takes place. They seek to identify what genes go awry and how when *meCP2* is compromised.

Their research is being supported by the McKnight Endowment Fund for Neuroscience. One of six grants given to U.S. scientists this year, the Neuroscience of Brain Disorders Award supports research aimed at diagnosing, preventing and treating injuries or diseases of the brain and spinal cord. The Nelson/Turrigiano project will receive \$300,000 over three years, according to the McKnight Endowment Fund for Neuroscience.

Children with Rett syndrome actually lose developmental ground sometime between six

and 18 months of age. "It's a disease of activity-dependent development of the neocortex, which is responsible for speech, motor behavior and higher functioning," explains Nelson. "It's not a disease of how the nervous system is set up, either before or right after birth; the disease develops during the intense refinement of the nervous system over a couple of years."

Although the severity of the condition varies, as Rett syndrome victims grow, they may stop talking, lose motor function or wring their hands continually; stop interacting with their families or develop learning disabilities. Some develop seizures, become unable to sit up or use their hands. In the worst cases, by adulthood, they are unable to speak or move normally. In mice models in which the *meCP2* gene was deleted, the mice exhibited a homologue of the disease, suffering seizures, difficulty breathing and engaging in limb clasping – almost as if wringing their hands.

Ironically, the devastating symptoms of Rett are associated with only subtle neuropathology, in contrast to Parkinson's disease, for example, in which parts of the brain show massive degeneration. "It's a single gene that has a profound effect," notes Nelson.

"This suggests that Rett's is largely a disease of microcircuitry – that the fine-grain neural circuits within the cortex are subtly miswired in a way that has profound cognitive consequences," explains Turrigiano.



Their research combines physiological and molecular approaches – a novel development in Rett syndrome research. In the first approach, the scientists look at how neurons fire away in slices of the mouse neocortex suspended in a spinal fluid-like solution *in vitro*. Some of the mice have the mutant gene, while some do not. This technique represents a new approach in studying neurodevelopmental disorders.

The scientists are studying how excitatory neurons excite each other, and how inhibitory neurons put a brake on the excitation. The overall balance between excitation and inhibition in the neurons determines the overall activity in the cortical circuit. Nelson and Turrigiano, together with Brandeis graduate student Vardhan Dani and MIT postdoctoral fellow Qiang Chang, have found that while the neurons themselves don't change in either the mutant or normal mice, the overall activity level is lower in the mutants.

"Our data suggest that Rett's is a result of too much inhibition within the cortical microcircuit, which would in some sense make it the opposite of disorders like epilepsy," says Turrigiano.

Molecular experiments in Rudolph Jaenisch's lab at MIT and elsewhere have already shown that when the *meCP2* gene is deleted, brain gene expression is abnormal, although the differences observed were much smaller than expected, says Nelson. He hopes there will be much larger differences in gene

expression if the different types of neurons in the brain are tested individually.

A novel technical innovation is helping Nelson and Turrigiano test gene expression in different cell types. This experiment involves labeling specific cell types in three different types of mice with a green fluorescent protein (derived from jellyfish). The three different mouse lines are crossed with mutant mice. RNA is then extracted from the green cells, hybridized and placed on a "gene chip" that holds a piece of DNA for every gene in the mouse genome. In this experiment, half the mice have normal *meCP2*, while the other half have the mutant gene. The final step is to compare the genes that are expressed in the different cell types.

The goal is to find the cell subtype that is regulated by *meCP2*. "We want to find out which cells are abnormal and which genes in those cells are causing the cells to go awry," explained Nelson.

The answers to these questions could drive treatment for Rett. One possibility is gene therapy, because the mutant gene is expressed within about two weeks of birth. Another potential therapy would involve regulating the *meCP2* gene. Yet a third therapeutic option would involve modulating a particular cell's activity level with a drug.

"In the best of all possible worlds, we hope we can discover a common pathway that is involved in autistic and other disorders of brain development," noted Nelson.



## Michael<sup>3</sup>

### Trio honored with Alumni Achievement Awards

Michael Kaiser '75, Michael Sandel '75, and Michael Schulhof, Ph.D. '70, three men who have distinguished themselves in the worlds of art, education and business, received 2005 Brandeis Alumni Achievement Awards at ceremonies during Reunion Weekend.

The Alumni Achievement Award, presented annually by the president, recognizes alumni who have made distinguished contributions to their professions or chosen fields of endeavor. It represents the highest form

of University recognition bestowed exclusively on alumni.

"Michael Kaiser, Michael Sandel, and Michael Schulhof have each made important, long-lasting contributions in the worlds of art, education and business," Brandeis President Jehuda Reinharz said. "We are proud to recognize three men who have brought so much honor to their alma mater through their achievements."

Kaiser serves as president of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., where he is responsible for the artistic programming and financial health of the organization.

Sandel, a professor of government at Harvard, is one of America's leading public intellectuals, authored *Democracy's Discontent: America in Search of a Public Philosophy and Liberalism and the Limits of Justice*. A *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Brandeis, he served for 15 years on the University's Board of Trustees.

Schulhof, also a longtime member of the Brandeis Board of Trustees, serves as chairman and chief executive officer of Global Technology Investments, a New York- and Paris-based international firm



that specializes in private equity fund investments and direct investments in private or public companies, as well as providing advisory services to growth companies and large groups operating in the field of media and technology.

## Less is More

### Nanoscale Research Promises Huge Gains for Science and Technology

What's in a nanometer? Not much, you might think. After all, it is only one-tenth-thousandth the width of a human hair. But according to the National Science Foundation, the nanometer is a "magical point on the dimensional scale." Nanostructures are where the smallest of human-made devices meet the largest biological molecules.

This vast frontier of nanoscale science is being pioneered by Brandeis theoretical physicists Bulbul Chakraborty and Jané Kondev. Recently awarded a four-year \$1.3 million grant from the National

Science Foundation (NSF), the two physicists will head a team including physicists from Boston and Columbia universities to research how complex fluids behave in extreme confinement on the nanoscale.

It is a rare achievement for theoretical physicists to garner an award of this magnitude to research nanoscale science. "It's extremely unusual for theorists to get anything like this grant," said Chakraborty, adding, "I never expected to get it, but it was a pleasant surprise."

The grant is part of the NSF's effort to establish nanoscale interdisciplinary research teams to advance understanding of nanoscale science. It has already begun to revolutionize science and technology and holds profound ramifications for most industries, healthcare, biology, the environment and conservation of materials and energy, according to the NSF.

In biological cells, extreme confinement sets in when molecules become crowded in their environment, making it difficult for them to move around and interact freely. "Our research goal is to better understand the motion of bio-molecules in such conditions," explains Kondev. "Then we will have

a better understanding of the function of these molecules in living cells."

The Brandeis team will also study how polymeric fluids behave when they are fashioned into nanometer thick films. "Fluids under these conditions show novel dynamical properties, and there is a growing need to be able to describe these dynamics," said Chakraborty.

In biology, the research could eventually lead to developments in drug targets or gene therapy, while in technology, a subtler understanding of how polymer thin films behave under extreme confinement could spell huge advances for electronics industries.

## They Got Games

### Brandeis well represented at Jewish Olympics

For David Weinstein '08 and Lisa Kaplin '07, their second trip to the Maccabiah Games in Israel as representatives of the United States was more – more meaningful, more memorable, and more life-changing. And it didn't hurt to return to Brandeis with silver medals.

Weinstein and Kaplin were part of the largest U.S. delegation ever to participate in the so-called Jewish Olympics, which is held every four years in Israel. Team USA for the 12-day summer sports festival featured professional athletes, Olympians, national champions, All-Americans and top collegians competing against their Jewish peers from 55 different countries.

"It was the best experience of my life," Weinstein said. "When I was there this time, I fell in love with Israel."

Said Kaplin, "It was a completely different experience being older and more mature, competing against other Jewish athletes from around the world."

In addition to the athletic competition, Weinstein and Kaplin visited important cultural and historic sites throughout Israel, and learned from Israeli experts about their heritage, and the culture and history of the country.

Both Weinstein and Kaplin competed on junior teams at the Maccabiah Games four years ago, and survived a rigorous selection process to earn coveted spots on Open Division teams this time around. Both the men's and women's teams reached the finals before losing to Israel to earn silver medals.

Weinstein, a defender who hails from Holden, Massachusetts, was one of just two college Division 3 players to make the U.S. team, which included several professionals and collegians from top-flight Division 1 programs. He helped the team defeat Argentina and Canada to become just the second U.S. representative to reach the soccer gold-medal game.

"It was by far the best team I ever played on," he said. "After playing with players at that level, I see the game differently now and approach preparation differently. I know what to do in certain situations."

Despite practicing together for just a few days in New York and a week in Israel before the Games, Team

USA played as if had been training together for months.

"We bonded and jelled very quickly," Weinstein said. "For some reason, it was easy to pick up each other's games. We dominated everyone but Israel."

Kaplin started at striker for the U.S. women's team. The Armonk, New York, resident was the Brandeis soccer team's leading scorer last year as a sophomore.

"I made great connections with my teammates in just three weeks," she said of the Maccabiah experience. "It was something I will always remember."

Several other Brandeisians also earned medals at the Games. Melissa Leber '04 helped the U.S. women's softball team capture a gold medal, Joshua Kaplan '96 served as captain of the American men's rugby team that came home with silver,



Dan L. Perlman explores the campus flora with a student

## Back-to-Back Winner

### Dan L. Perlman Receives Second Student Union Award

Dan L. Perlman was honored this spring for the second consecutive year with the annual Student Union Teaching Award.

That's not surprising, given the level of enthusiasm he generates among his pupils. The chairman of the Environmental Studies Program and assistant professor of biology is a favorite among students for his teaching methods. He also is recognized as an

expert nature photographer and naturalist. His interests include animal behavior, evolution, and scientific and social environmental issues.

The award was presented at the April 21 faculty meeting by Jennifer Feinberg, president of the Brandeis University Student Union, and Jason Brodsky, director of academic affairs and executive officer for the Brandeis University Student Union.



## Color Correction

and Isabel DeKonick '04 was part of the bronze medal-winning U.S. women's volleyball team.

Daniel Glass '07 finished fourth in the 10,000 meters, Joel Sunshine '07 was fifth in the 800 meters and sixth in the 1,500, and Joshua Levine '06 competed in golf.

Also, Ron Carner '61, the vice president of the Maccabi World Union and Maccabi USA, served as USA Maccabiah Team director of basketball, and Gerald Schwartz '60 was as assistant coach of the junior boys' basketball team.

--David E. Nathan

### Grad Student Makes Startling Discovery

The media attention was flattering. The good wishes from scholars, peers and friends back home in Little Rock, Ark., were nice. But for Brandeis doctoral candidate Holly Jackson, perhaps the best part of making the startling discovery that a woman long considered a black literary pioneer was actually white was this realization: Her work really matters.

"It is great to change knowledge and affirm that scholarly accuracy matters," Jackson said. "There's a sense that the work that academics do is not relevant, but this shows the work we do can affect how we think about the past in a meaningful way. It is weird to have affected things in the real world. I like the idea that this is of interest to the specialized scholarly community and the general public."

Thanks to the findings of the 24-year-old graduate student in English, the work of New England author Emma Dunham Kelley-Hawkins was removed from the prestigious Schomburg Library of Nineteenth-Century Black Women Writers by series general editor Henry Louis Gates, the chairman of the African and African-American Studies Department at Harvard.

Jackson set the literary world abuzz in early March when *The Boston Sunday Globe* published Jackson's

first-person account of her discovery that Kelley-Hawkins was white.

Jackson has long been interested in late 19th-century literature and became intrigued with Kelley-Hawkins while working on her senior thesis at Simmons College in Boston. Jackson was struck that there was so little published biographical information on the author, who wrote "Megda" and "Four Girls at Cottage City" in the 1890s.

"I thought it was strange that so little was known about her," Jackson said.

While pursuing routine research for a brief biography on Kelley-Hawkins for Oxford University Press's "African American National Biography," a rare-books librarian at Brown University led Jackson to the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston.

While searching for basic biographical information, Jackson discovered 1860 census documents that made it clear that no members of Kelley-Hawkins's family were black. Additional documents confirmed her findings.

"Literary scholars are not expected to make archival discoveries," said Jackson, who has earned her master's at Brandeis and hopes to complete her Ph.D. in 2008. "You analyze, you do not discover."

Scholars had apparently assumed Kelley-Hawkins was black based on a photograph from a book jacket. That incorrect



Emma Dunham Kelley-Hawkins

assumption had been perpetuated for more than a century despite the fact that Kelley-Hawkins never wrote about black characters in her novels.

Jackson is now working on a 30-page scholarly account of her discovery that she hopes to get published in a literary journal. "I did not expect to be working on an article for publication while I was still trying to complete my coursework," Jackson said.

The outpouring of support from scholars in the field has gratified Jackson. Many have congratulated her on the discovery. Others have offered to provide her with their research.

"It is nice so many people have been so interested and so generous," Jackson said. "It is flattering, of course, and I hope it allows me to pursue a career in this field."

--David E. Nathan

## Outstanding Teaching Honored

### University community recognizes exemplary work of professors

Based on peer review and the accolades of students, the following faculty members were honored by the administration for their exemplary work in many areas.

### Ibrahim Sundiata: Jeanette Lerman-Neubauer '69 and Joseph Neubauer Prize for Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring

This prize was established by Trustee Jeanette Lerman, class of 1969, on the occasion of her marriage to Joseph Neubauer. Instead of wedding presents, the guests were invited to

contribute to a fund that recognizes the teaching and mentoring excellence of Brandeis faculty. The award requires its recipient to be not just an exceptional teacher, but also a person who is a presence in the co-curricular and extracurricular life of the campus, and has a significant impact on student's lives as a mentor and advisor. These qualities are amply demonstrated in Ibrahim Sundiata.

Sundiata, who has a joint appointment in the departments of history and African and Afro-American studies, teaches University Seminars and departmental courses that include Africa and the West, Southern African History, United States and Africa, Introduction to African History, History of West Africa, and Comparative Race and Ethnic Relations. He serves as the faculty advisor to *Okapi*, a student-initiated journal on Africa, and frequently attends programs planned by the Intercultural Center, or Black History Month coordinators, or *Okapi* editors. He is also a member of the Provost's Steering Committee on Diversity Issues, the Committee on Academic Standing, and the Latin American Studies Committee.

### Janet McIntosh: Michael L. Walzer '56 Award for Teaching

This award is given each year to a tenure track faculty member who "combines superlative scholarship with inspired teaching."

Janet was a *summa cum laude* graduate of Harvard and a Marshall Scholar at Oxford, who received a Distinguished Dissertation Award at the University of Michigan. Her current research, which applies theories from psychological and linguistic anthropology to the religious lives and ethnic relations of Giriama and Swahili in Kenya, has been published in the journals of *Language and Communication*, *Anthropology and Humanism*, *Science and Society*, and the *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*. She is also researching how white Kenyans interact with African religion and is completing a book project entitled: *The Edge of Islam: Religion, Language and Essentialism on the Kenya Coast*.

Department Chair Rick Parmentier calls her "a brilliantly talented teacher" and "energetic mentor for honors and dissertation students."

In letters of nomination for the teaching award, many students report that it was Professor McIntosh who inspired them to become anthropology majors. They call her an "intellectually stimulating, engaging lecturer and gifted discussion leader," and they consistently praise her "intelligence and extensive knowledge of her subject."



Dean Adam Jaffe presents the Jeanette Lerman-Neubauer '69 and Joseph Neubauer Prize for Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring to Professor Ibrahim Sundiata (above) and the Michael L. Walzer '56 Award for Teaching to Professor Janet McIntosh (left).





## ConGRADulations

### **William E. Kapelle: Louis Dembitz Brandeis Prize for Excellence in Teaching**

William Kapelle, associate professor of history, has been teaching at Brandeis since 1980. His courses include Roman History, The Early Middle Ages, The High and Late Middle Ages, The Crusades, English Medieval History, and The Renaissance. He also directs senior theses and readings courses for undergraduates, and advises many students in his department. The author of *The Norman Conquest of the North: The Region and its Transformation*, he is now working on a study of the *Domesday Book*, William the Conquerors' great survey of the English kingdom. He has recently served on the Sachar Committee for Graduate Study Abroad, the University Board on Student Conduct, and the Committee for the Support of Teaching.

As a teacher, he is regularly praised by his students for his clear, informative and inspiring lectures, his ability to stimulate interest in the subject of medieval history, and his willingness to provide help outside of the classroom. Students also praise his enthusiasm, his wit and humor, his vast knowledge, his preparation, and his concern for the well being of his students.

### **Professor presented with first 'outstanding mentoring' award**

Karen V. Hansen, associate professor of sociology and women's studies, has been honored with the first Dean of Arts and Sciences Graduate Mentoring Award. The honor, according to Dean Adam Jaffe, is intended to recognize exemplary work in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

"At the graduate-student level, especially with Ph.D. students, outstanding mentoring is not the same as preparing for a class, teaching that class, or grading papers," said Jaffe at the award presentation earlier this spring. "It is a process that can be deeply nurturing to both the mentor and the student mentored, and is often the foundation of lifetime friendships or professional relationships for both parties."

Jaffe said the award nominators credited Hansen with inspiring them and helping to develop their talents, for sponsoring them professionally, providing career guidance and serving as a role model. He cited comments from two of Hansen's students:

"Karen is creative and dedicated in the classroom, and brings both passion and rigor to her research. Having her example as a teacher and a scholar was instrumental in cementing my own desire to join academia...she read my letters of application in addition to writing recommendation letters. And when I got an interview she walked me through the process of how to prepare. During the course of my negotiations after my job offer, she made herself available to me, even when she was on vacation..."

"I so admired the quality of Karen's scholarship that I asked her to chair my comps and dissertation committees. To complicate matters, I moved to Kansas after completing coursework. Despite thousands of miles, Karen patiently and expertly guided me through several rough thesis ideas to a rigorous but 'doable' dissertation prospectus that ultimately received two years of federal funding. Although I have been largely absent from the Brandeis campus, Karen has kept me in mind for conferences, paper competitions, and journals. Due to her gentle but persistent persuasion, I finally presented my first conference paper last summer. We have also begun work together on a journal article."

Hansen came to Brandeis in 1989 after finishing her Ph.D. at the University of California, Berkeley. She teaches courses in feminist theory, sociology of families, women's biography and society, and historical methods.



Karen V. Hansen

Her latest work, "Not-So-Nuclear Families: Class, Gender, and Networks of Care" (Rutgers University Press, in press), investigates the lives of working families and the networks they construct to help them care for their school-age children. She will be the special guest Sept. 14 when the Office of Communications resumes its Meet the Author series for the 2005-06 academic year.

# In Memoriam

## Leon Jick, Led NEJS Department

Leon Jick, the Helen and Irving Schneider Emeritus Professor of American Jewish History at Brandeis, passed away on May 19 in Needham following an extended battle with cancer. He was 80 years old.



Leon Jick



Nahum Sarna

A graduate of Hebrew Union College, where he was ordained, and of Columbia University, where he received his Ph.D., Jick began his career as a rabbi before coming to Brandeis in 1966.

He spent 24 years on the Brandeis faculty, twice serving as chairman of the Department of Near Eastern

and Judaic Studies, and once as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

"I mourn the death of Leon Jick on two levels – personal and professional. He was a caring colleague, inspiring mentor, and loyal friend," said Brandeis President Jehuda Reinharz, who worked with Jick in the Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies from 1982-90.

"In his quarter-century of dedicated service to Brandeis, Leon was instrumental in helping build the Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies into a universally respected center of first-class scholarship and teaching," Reinharz said. "He seemed most at home in the classroom as a teacher whose passion inspired thousands of students – from Brandeis and elsewhere – throughout the years."

Jick was also founder and first president of the Association for Jewish Studies.

Jick's best-known scholarly work, *The Americanization of the Synagogue*, broke new ground in the field of American Jewish history and was a classic in the field. A special issue of the journal *American Jewish History* was devoted to the volume.

He also published numerous articles, including a pathbreaking study of the history, use, and abuse of the word "Holocaust," which appeared in *Yad Vashem Annual* in 1981.

Jick's class in American Jewish history was always well attended, and his pioneering course on the Holocaust attracted hundreds of students at Brandeis.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Professor Leon A. Jick, Dean's Fund for Faculty Excellence at

Brandeis University, Box 549110 MS 126, Waltham, MA 02454-9110 or Gann Academy (Leon & Millicent Jick Program), 333 Forest St, Waltham, 02452.

## Nahum Sarna, Leading Bible Scholar

Nahum Sarna, the Dora Golding Professor Emeritus of Biblical Studies at Brandeis University and one of the world's foremost Jewish Bible scholars, died Thursday, June 23, in Boca Raton, Fla. He was 82.

Sarna served as editor and translator for the much-heralded Jewish Publication Society translation of the Bible and was general editor of a groundbreaking set of Bible commentaries. Sarna was committed to making modern biblical scholarship accessible to a lay audience.

"This is a tremendous loss," Brandeis President Jehuda Reinharz said. "Nahum Sarna was an extraordinary leader in the field of biblical studies, and me and the rest of his colleagues will miss him very much."

"Understanding Genesis," published in 1966, won the National Jewish Book Award. It was followed by "Exploring Exodus" (1986), "Commentary on Genesis" (1989), "Commentary on Exodus" (1991) and "Songs of the Heart: An Introduction to the Book of Psalms" (1993). Sarna also wrote more than 100 scholarly articles and lectured around the world.

Sarna's work was rooted in a 19<sup>th</sup> century movement dedicated to the scientific study of Jewish civilization and a more modern approach to the Hebrew Bible. His commentaries explained the structure of the narrative, gave meaning to archeological finds, offered historical and cultural background, and put the Bible's teachings in a spiritual and moral context.

Sarna's research centered on Genesis, Exodus, Psalms, and Job. He developed the idea of inner-biblical interpretation, that later biblical texts interpret earlier ones.

Born in England, where he remembers his father reading to him every Shabbat from a book entitled "Bible Readings with My Children," he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of London. He received his rabbinical ordination at Jews College in London and later earned a Ph.D. in biblical studies and Semitic languages from Dropsie College in Philadelphia.

He taught at Gratz College in Philadelphia from 1951-57 before he was appointed librarian and served on the faculty at the Jewish Theological Seminary. He joined the Near Eastern and Judaic Studies Department at Brandeis in 1965, and served as chair of the department for seven years. After retiring from Brandeis in 1985, he taught at Columbia, Yale, and Florida Atlantic University.

In 1969, Sarna joined a small group of senior scholars who founded the Association for Jewish Studies. He later led the fledgling organization.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Helen, of Boca Raton, Fla.; sons Jonathan, the Joseph H. & Belle R. Braunn Professor of American Jewish History at Brandeis, of West Newton, and David of Teaneck, N.J.; and five grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 24 at the Silver Auditorium in the Sachar International Center (International Business School) at Brandeis. Funeral arrangements are being coordinated by Levine Chapels of Brookline.



## BUNWC Conference News

### Blumenthal Honored by Women's Committee; New Executive Director Introduced

Rear Admiral Susan Blumenthal, a former U.S. assistant surgeon general and leader in focusing the attention of the public and scientific community on women's health issues, received the Abram L. Sachar Silver Medallion at the 55th Brandeis University National Women's Committee Conference at Brandeis.

The award, named in honor of Brandeis founding president Abram L. Sachar, is presented annually to a person who has made outstanding contributions to education.

While serving as First Deputy Assistant Secretary for Women's Health within

the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, she was a primary force in moving women's health to the forefront of the nation's health care agenda.

A distinguished visiting professor in Women's Studies at Brandeis, she and Brandeis undergraduates developed [www.4collegewomen.org](http://www.4collegewomen.org), the first Web site with comprehensive health information for college women.

The June 1-5 conference also featured the hooding of Carol Kern, who served as BUNWC national president from 2002-04, and the annual presentation of the BUNWC gift to Brandeis President Jehuda Reinharz.

The conference served as a formal introduction of BUNWC's new executive director, Shari Langenthal

BUNWC's new  
executive director,  
Shari Langenthal  
Meehan '76



Meehan '76, who joined the national organization in May.

Meehan began her professional career as an attorney specializing in civil litigation and creditors' rights before entering nonprofit management. She most recently served as a vice president for American Student Assistance, the nation's oldest student loan guarantor in the Federal Family Education Loan Program.

"We are excited to welcome Shari back to the Brandeis family," said Marty Wyngaarden Krauss, the University's Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. "As an alumna, she feels a deep commitment to upholding the principles of the University."

Meehan received a bachelor's degree from Brandeis in 1976, and went on to earn a graduate degree in education from McGill University and an M.B.A. and J.D. from Suffolk University.

"As a Brandeis alumna, I feel a special connection to the University," said Meehan. "I look forward to guiding the National Women's Committee as it partners with the University on fundraising initiatives that will further benefit Brandeis's ever-increasing stature as a major research and learning institution."

## BOLLI at Five

### Lifelong Learning at Brandeis

Known until two years ago as BALI (Brandeis Adult Learning Institute), and recently renamed the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute@Brandeis University (BOLLI), the organization was founded to provide "a broad range of educational and intellectual activities for retired, semi-retired, and other adult participants." Courses have neither grades nor credits, and are held for the joy and enrichment of lifelong learning, as well as the "cognitive vitality" that ongoing learning provides.

Widely recognized for its thought-provoking and unique courses offered in what founding director Bernard Reisman, professor emeritus in The Heller School, calls "a spirit of conviviality," BOLLI also marked its second year as a recipient of funds from the Bernard Osher Foundation of San Francisco. With Osher funds, BOLLI is working to develop new relationships with Brandeis professors emeriti to encourage them to teach courses and recruit alumni and other local people as BOLLI students.

Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Marty Wyngaarden

Krauss called the success of BOLLI "stunning" and noted its many connections to other parts of the University, such as the way BOLLI participants have taken students from the Sustainable International Development program "under their wing" by befriending and mentoring them through formal and informal meetings. In particular, she noted how the "Scholars Program," where Brandeis graduate students lead one or two classes with a study group leader, benefit both BOLLI members' and graduate students' pedagogy.

At a recent anniversary celebration, two of the leading individuals who dreamt and planned the program into existence were honored: Reisman and the late Irving Brudnick.

One happy BOLLI participant, Leona Curhan '56, said she loves the courses, and believes the daily "lunch-and-learn" brownbag sessions offer fertile ground for new friendships. Other benefits open to BOLLI members include the use of the library, reduced ticket rates to campus events, and e-mail notices of other campus events.

—Steve Anable

### University Salutes Class of '05

#### Main speaker cites increasing threats to independent judiciary

Massachusetts Supreme Court Chief Justice Margaret Marshall urged graduates at Brandeis's 54th commencement on May 22 to uphold the legacy of Justice Louis Brandeis

of South Africa said. "It cannot have escaped your notice that vocal individuals and groups have become impatient with our system of separated powers, and checks and balances."

Marshall told nearly 1,000 graduates (the University awarded 649 bachelor's

skew public debate or to intimidate judges. I worry when judicial independence is seen as a problem to be solved, and not a value to be cherished."

She reminded the graduates of Justice Brandeis's belief that it was the responsibility of every citizen to uphold the constitutional democracy in the United States by being an active participant in governing.

"This is not a call to heroics, or a call for you to change your life plans," Marshall said. "Small acts – discussions with a neighbor, a letter to the editor, every form of everyday civic participation – can accomplish great things."

Marshall, the only woman to serve as chief justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Court and a noted apartheid foe, received an honorary Doctor of Laws from the University.

Five other people earned honorary degrees for their contributions to their fields: journalist Tom Brokaw, Doctor of Humane Letters; novelist Ha Jin, Ph.D. '93, Doctor of Humane Letters; Nobel Prize-winning scientist Roderick MacKinnon '78, Doctor of Science; Congressman Edward J. Markey, Doctor of Laws; and philanthropist Lily Safra, Doctor of Humane Letters.

The University awarded 998 degrees – 649 bachelor's, 314 master's and 35 doctorates.

Stephen B. Kay, chair of the Board of Trustees, lauded the Class of 2005 for developing a strong sense of community in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks, which occurred just weeks after the students arrived in Waltham.

Kay also warned the graduates to be aware that they are venturing into a world in ethical turmoil. "Walk carefully and follow the good instincts that have been honed at Brandeis," he said.

President Jehuda Reinharz urged the recent graduates to be active as they join the ranks of the University's 30,000 alumni.

"From this day forward, you are responsible for Brandeis, just as we were responsible for you as you were here," Reinharz said. "Each of you is now part of Brandeis's history and Brandeis's future."

Earlier in the day, Thomas H. Lee, president of private equity group Thomas H. Lee Partners, delivered the commencement address and received the Dean's Prize for Distinguished Global Leadership at the commencement exercises of the International Business School. IBS awarded 152 degrees to students from 56 countries.

Honorary degree recipient Markey spoke about energy policy at The Heller School commencement.

—David Nathan



by actively working to overcome the increasing threats to an independent judiciary in the United States.

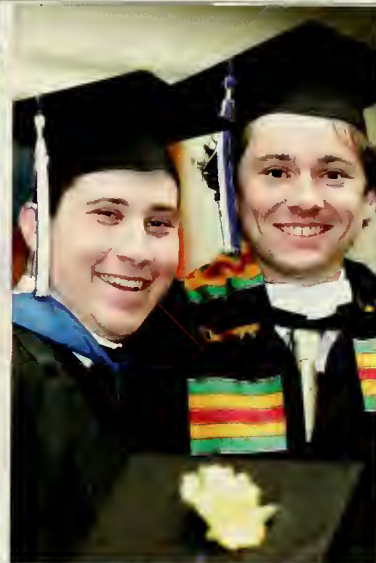
Marshall, a lightning rod for critics after she authored the controversial ruling in November 2003 that allowed same-sex marriage in Massachusetts, received a standing ovation from the crowd of about 7,000 people at the Gosman Sports and Convocation Center.

"Seldom have I felt as concerned for the rule of law in this my adopted country as I am now," the native

degrees, 314 master's, and 35 doctoral degrees) that criticism of individual judges and decisions is a welcome sign of a "robust democracy," but recent rhetoric has gone too far.

"I am concerned about attacks leveled at the very foundation of our legal system: the principle that judges should decide each case on its merits, according to the rules of law applied the same way to everyone, and independent of outside influence," Marshall said. "I worry when people of influence declare that the role of a judge is to conform his or her decision to results of opinion polls. I worry when people of influence use vague, loaded terms like 'judicial activism' to

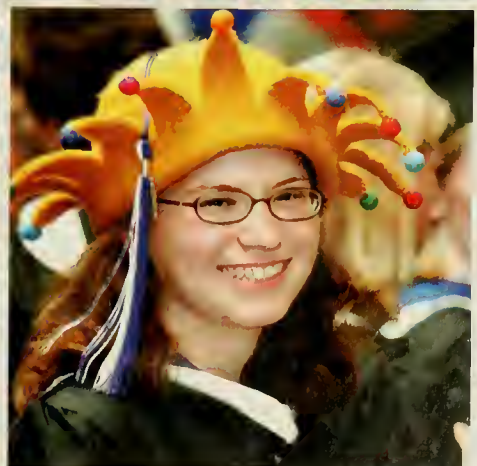




Senior Speaker  
Erica Lemansky '05



Graduate Speaker  
Adona El-Murr, M.A. '05





## At Brandeis, Brokaw Urges Americans to Recommit to Country

In that sonorous voice familiar to millions around the world, journalist Tom Brokaw on May 22 urged Americans to "re-enlist as citizens" amid their country's expansive war against terrorism.

Speaking to 80 people at Brandeis University's Fellows Breakfast, the esteemed newsman lamented the dangerous world that the graduating seniors of 2005 are entering, and warned of a long and protracted struggle ahead.

"While we gather here in these peaceful surroundings," Brokaw told his audience of Brandeis administrators, honorees, supporters and friends, "the war on terror is underway this morning and it will be for the foreseeable future."

Brokaw spoke in the Gosman Sports and Convocation Complex some 90 minutes before the start of the University's 54th commencement, where he and five other individuals were presented with honorary degrees. During the commencement celebration, the University awarded 649 bachelor's degrees, 314 master's, and 35 doctoral degrees.

Brokaw said all Americans must acknowledge the gravity of the threat from terrorists and seek out ways to support their country. He said people today can take a lesson from the so-called "Greatest Generation," the young men and women depicted in his book of the same name, which sacrificed so much to help the United States defeat Germany and Japan in World War II.

"What they did not do is lay down their arms and say 'I've done my share,'" Brokaw said. Rather, he said, they fought on, and then "rebuilt their enemies and made them allies."

"There is [today] a great clash of civilizations and we have a major stake in it," he said.

He added that younger Americans must become actively engaged nationally and globally to help make the world a better place. "They will not find a solution to the world's problems on the delete button of their toolbars."

Brokaw told the gathering that while he left his longtime post as anchor at *NBC News* in December 2004, he is not "retired." He said he is working on three documentaries, including one on the war on terror.

Brokaw's career in journalism has spanned more than 40 years and made him one of the most widely recognized television personalities of the past generation. Born in Webster, South Dakota, he had been anchorman and managing editor of the *NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw* since 1983.

He has traveled the world, reporting on such events as the 1989 collapse of the Berlin Wall.

His work has won him seven Emmys and some 14 other prestigious journalism awards.

—Dennis Nealon



Tom Brokaw



Ha Jin, Ph.D. '93

## Honorary Degree Recipients

### Tom Brokaw Doctor of Humane Letters

Tom Brokaw's career in journalism has spanned more than 40 years and made him one of the most widely recognized and respected personalities of his generation. In the winter of 2005 he retired after more than 20 years as anchor and managing editor of *NBC Nightly News* with Tom Brokaw. Born in Webster, South Dakota, Mr. Brokaw studied political science and was a radio reporter at the University of South Dakota from 1958-1962. In 1976, he became *NBC News' Today Show* host. He was *NBC's* White House correspondent during Watergate, and he has covered every presidential election since 1968. He has traveled the world, reporting on such events as the 1989 collapse of the Berlin Wall. In 1999 and 2000, respectively, Mr. Brokaw conducted the first North American TV interview with Russian Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov in Moscow, and the first American TV interview with Russian President Vladimir Putin. He is the author of several books, including the widely acclaimed *The Greatest Generation* and *A Long Way from Home: Growing Up in the American Heartland*. Mr. Brokaw has won seven Emmys and numerous other prestigious journalism awards.

### Ha Jin, Ph.D. '93 Doctor of Humane Letters

Ha Jin, who received his Ph.D. in English literature from Brandeis in 1993 and whose latest novel, *War Trash*, won the 2005 PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction, was born in northern China in 1956 and, at age 14, joined the People's Liberation Army, spending six years based on the far northeastern border between China and the former Soviet Union. When his military service ended, and following the Cultural Revolution, he was able to enter college and was assigned to study English, his last choice as a field of concentration. After earning bachelor's and master's degrees in English, he came to Brandeis in 1985 to pursue graduate study, supporting himself as a busboy and night watchman. He has published two collections of poetry and two collections of short fiction, *Ocean of Words* (1996), which received the PEN/Hemingway award, and *Under the Red Flag* (1997), which won the Flannery O'Connor Award. His novel, *Waiting*, won the National Book Award for fiction in 1999, as well as his first PEN/Faulkner Award. His story collection, *The Bridegroom*, won the Asian American Literary Award. His other novels include *In the Pond* (1998) and *The Crazyed* (2002).





Roderick MacKinnon '78



Edward J. Markey



Margaret H. Marshall



Lily Safra

### **Roderick MacKinnon '78 Doctor of Science**

Roderick MacKinnon, Brandeis Class of 1978, is the 2003 recipient of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry. Fascinated throughout his youth by the mysteries of science, he received his bachelor's degree with high honors in biochemistry. He earned his M.D. at Tufts University in 1982 and did his residency at Beth Israel Hospital. In 1986, he returned to Brandeis to pursue postdoctoral studies in the laboratory of his undergraduate mentor, Professor Christopher Miller. There he began work on the biophysical aspects of ion channel function, attempting to discover how the proteins in these pore-like gateways into cells can allow the passage of potassium ions while blocking others that are similar. In 1996, he moved to Rockefeller University, becoming head of the Laboratory of Molecular Neurobiology and Biophysics. He revealed the first high-resolution structure of a specific ion channel and with it the first atomic-level understanding of the structural basis of ion selectivity in ion channel proteins. Prior to receiving the Nobel Prize, he was a recipient of Brandeis University's Lewis S. Rosenstiel Award for Distinguished Work in the Basic Medical Sciences.

### **Edward J. Markey Doctor of Laws**

Congressman Edward J. Markey has represented the 7th District of Massachusetts since he was first elected in 1976 and is the highest-ranking Democrat on the House Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet. He has been instrumental in breaking up anti-consumer, anti-innovative monopolies in electricity, in long-distance and local telephone service, cable television, and international satellite services. He is the third most senior Democrat on the full Energy and Commerce Committee. In the 108th Congress, Representative Markey leads the House effort to preserve the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness. His legislative efforts are focused on consumer rights, health reform and disease prevention, environmental conservation, and the reduction of nuclear threats. He is the recipient of a "Pathfinders Award" from a coalition of national agencies for his lifetime of fighting to roll back the spread of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction. He serves on the House Select Committee on Homeland Security, and he has actively sought to close major gaps in homeland defenses in air cargo security on passenger planes and at nuclear facilities.

### **Margaret H. Marshall Doctor of Laws**

Margaret H. Marshall was appointed associate justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts in 1996 and named chief justice in 1999, the first woman to hold that position in the court's 313 year history. Before her appointment to the Supreme Judicial Court, she was a partner in two Boston law firms and vice president and general counsel of Harvard University. As a student in her native South Africa, she witnessed the injustice of apartheid and began a lifelong fight for social justice and equal rights under the law. In the 1960s, she drove the wives and families of black political prisoners to see their husbands and fathers in jail, and in 1967, she was one of the few whites to attend the funeral of Chief Albert Luthuli, president of the African National Congress and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. Marshall and her judicial colleagues have handled such issues as same-sex marriage. Citing equal protection under the law, guaranteed by the Massachusetts Constitution, the court, in 2003, struck down the ban on same-sex marriages, holding, in Marshall's words, that "barring an individual from the protections, benefits, and obligations of civil marriage solely because that person would marry a person of the same sex violates the Massachusetts Constitution."

### **Lily Safra Doctor of Humane Letters**

Lily Safra is chair of the Edmond J. Safra Philanthropic Foundation. Under her direction, the Foundation's gifts have provided vital support for projects in science and medicine, education, humanitarian relief, the arts, and religious life. Her philanthropy has advanced research in cancer, AIDS, multiple sclerosis, and neurodegenerative diseases, particularly Alzheimer's and Parkinson's. She is a member of the board of the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research and the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health. She has endowed the Edmond J. Safra Foundation Center for Ethics at Harvard University and the planned Edmond J. Safra Center for the Arts at Brandeis. She is honorary chair and founder, with her late husband, of the International Sephardic Education Foundation, the largest nonprofit organization established to promote higher education for gifted Israeli youngsters from disadvantaged backgrounds. A Trustee of New York's Museum of Jewish Heritage and the Somerset House Arts Fund in London, she is also a member of the Chairman's Council of the Museum of Modern Art in New York and of the Director's Circle of the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. She is a Commandeur of France's Ordre des Arts et des Lettres.

Brandeis's newest

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in her field of

science but on

the court, as well.

# Entrepreneurial Research and Slam-Dunk Science



**B**asic scientific research is a marriage of the simplest questions and the subtlest thinking. How does it work? What is its structure? Where did it come from? These are the kinds of questions that lodge in the scientific mind, driving discovery and fundamental breakthroughs.

by Laura Gardner

On a recent summer morning in Dorothee Kern's lab in the Volen National Center for Complex Systems at Brandeis, the associate professor of biochemistry hunched over a sheet of graph paper scattered with pink and blue blobs next to doctoral student Alexandra Gardino, who was just weeks away from earning a Ph.D. in biochemistry/biophysics.

Each blob represented a single atom in a protein (there are about 3,000 atoms in an average protein), and depending on its color, was either in its "off" or resting state, or in its "on" state, like a light switch. But the graph showed that yet another activity was taking place besides signaling—proteins switching on and off—and Kern and Gardino were determined to get to the bottom of it.

When they did figure out the additional unknown dance of the protein, there was a palpable sense of accomplishment. "Mystery solved!" said Kern, who studies protein dynamics during catalysis—how enzymes move around when they carry out, or "catalyze" chemical reactions. Enzymes, usually proteins, are molecules that bind to another molecule, called a substrate, causing a chemical change in it.

This is the kind of collaborative work that fuels scientific research at Brandeis. But the scientific engine also runs on equal parts originality, ambition and leadership, with the result that every now and then a fundamental advance is reached and new knowledge created.

"Brandeis provides an environment in which talented young scientists are not afraid to take chances, to push the edges of their disciplines forward, and to carry out pioneering work that crosses the boundaries between disciplines," notes Gregory Petsko, Gyula and Katika Tauber Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacodynamics, and director of the Rosenstiel Basic Medical Sciences Research Center.

There are, of course, many ways to measure scientific innovation, but peer recognition through awards is undoubtedly one of the most important. In this regard, Brandeis has shown itself to be a powerhouse of research talent. Since the mid-1990s, faculty members in the life sciences have won more than 30 major awards, including ones from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the MacArthur Foundation.

Moreover, six faculty, including Petsko, are members of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS), one of the highest honors accorded to scientists. Out of 3,000 U.S. colleges, Brandeis ranks second in the percentage of faculty who are members of the NAS, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.



Kern at the nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer (NMR)

Kern is a perfect example of how brilliant young scientists become stars in their fields at Brandeis—and even pioneer them. Born behind the Iron Curtain in East Germany, Kern grew up in an academic family—both parents are scientists—where the conversational diet at dinnertime included lots of discussion about the science of nature and the nature of science. Childhood curiosity and the thrill of discovery morphed over time into a serious passion for science and the essential, addictive joy of those *eureka!* moments.

"The most fun in science occurs when you get a result you didn't predict or you can't explain—that's where discovery comes in," says Kern. Not surprisingly, she developed an early, deep aversion to the communist ideology that saturated her education and her life.

"I fell in love with science as a kid. Growing up in communist East Germany also meant that social sciences were heavily influenced by the society, tweaked and manipulated. In contrast, science was much more pure and objective. I hated memorizing stuff—I always wanted to derive the answers," says Kern, who came to the U.S. a decade ago.

Not content to be only the best student in school, Kern's drive propelled a brilliant athletic career, as well. She excelled in swimming, track and field, and other team sports. (Her own daughters, 7 and 12, are following in her tracks: both are championship cross-country skiers and runners.) But with characteristic independence, she refused to take the final step required of elite, Olympic-material athletes in East Germany: doping with steroids.

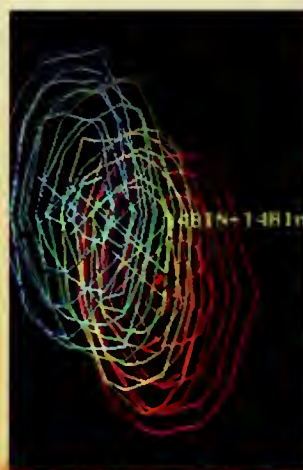
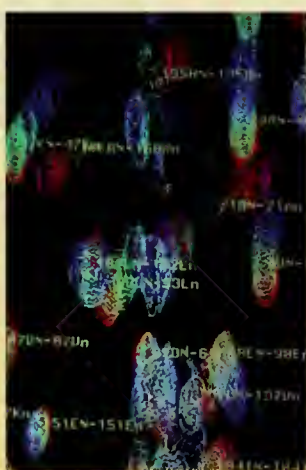
Instead, Kern pursued professional basketball with the same intellectual muscle she applied to her studies, becoming the master strategist on the court. While in university and graduate school in East Germany, she played point guard on the East German National Team and, once the Berlin Wall came down, the United German National Team. She was the only East German to switch to the United German Team, which voted her MVP in 1989.

These days, Kern, 5'5" and all sinew, can be seen racing up and down the basketball court in the Gosman sports center, dribbling the ball, recognizing good team work with a slap of the

hands and occasionally crashing face first into the armpit of one of her much bigger teammates on the otherwise all-male team she plays with regularly at lunchtime. She is the brains if not the brawn of her team.

The parallels between her two loves—science and sports—provide a central metaphor for her work. "I am the chief strategist; I have to see the entire floor and make the right split-second decisions—I have to crack the defense, make my teammates better and score as well." The same is true for her work in the lab, where seeing the big picture as well as the atomic detail, and then figuring out how to decode its significance, is the whole game. Teamwork on the court as well as in the lab and classroom, is the key to Kern's teaching and work style.

Kern's exceptional talent earned her top honors earlier this year when she was named an investigator by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) in a nationwide competition involving about 300 nominated scientists from 200 universities, medical schools, and institutes. It is a coveted and tremendous distinction for any university to have an HHMI investigator, but for Brandeis the



Above: Two-dimensional spectra collected on the nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer (NMR). Each peak is one atom in a protein, which consists of thousands of atoms. Far right: Three-dimensional

representation of the spectra shown above. The third dimension is the height of the peaks. The images above are like topographic maps of the mountains shown at right.



recognition is even sweeter because Kern is the fifth HHMI investigator at the University and the fourth in her department of 11 faculty members—truly a rare achievement by any measure.

The leading biomedical research organization selected Kern because she has “demonstrated exceptional promise within four to ten years of becoming an independent scientist,” according to HHMI. “These scientists are on the rapidly rising slope of their careers,” says HHMI president Thomas R. Cech. “We have every reason to believe that they will use their creativity to extend the boundaries of scientific knowledge for many years to come.”

As an HHMI investigator, Kern receives about \$ 0.6 million in funding annually for her lab over at least five years. The funding provides the underpinnings of intellectual freedom and creativity that can translate scientific understanding into medical breakthrough.

“The real value of being an HHMI investigator is that you can be scientifically entrepreneurial, you can

Kern with Vu Thai, a graduate student in the biochemistry program



take risks by researching new areas—that’s in fact what HHMI wants you to do—it’s similar to a venture capital proposition,” explains Melissa Moore, associate professor of biochemistry, who was named an HHMI investigator in 1997 for her pioneering work in pre-mRNA and mRNA metabolism in eukaryotic cells. She and fellow HHMI investigator Nikolaus Grigorieff, associate professor of biochemistry and Rosenstiel Basic Medical Sciences Research Center, published one of the first three-dimensional images of the spliceosome, a nanomachine that removes incoherent information from genes after the DNA has been copied into RNA.

Moore credits the "entrepreneurial" culture in the sciences at Brandeis with making the University particularly suitable for basic research in novel areas, sometimes at the margins of disciplines—biology and physics, for example—as well as attractive to scientists who are adept at thinking "out of the box."

"At Brandeis, being interactive and collaborative is considered a very good thing and is rewarded," says Petsko, who won a prestigious McKnight

Endowment Fund for Neuroscience award earlier this year, along with Dagmar Ringe, professor of biochemistry, chemistry, and Rosenstiel Basic Medical Sciences Research Center, to continue their pioneering research into a protein known as tau, which is implicated in nerve cell death in Alzheimer's and numerous other dementias.

"An atmosphere in which young faculty are unafraid of high-risk, high-return research is an atmosphere in which the senior faculty remain energized and innovative," asserts Petsko. It is a style of doing basic scientific research that has won Brandeis international recognition in a number of areas, including biochemistry, neuroscience, and behavioral genomics.

"Major discoveries are occurring in fundamental research, but it's not predictive—and it can even be a little scary, because you don't know what's going to happen next," explains Kern, breathlessly. "I haven't run out of original ideas, but we have to do the experiments, and some might not even be doable."



(Above) Kern, third from left, with members of her laboratory team





Yet it was a major, novel discovery—really a slam-dunk—that Kern made early on that distinguished her as pioneering the field of biophysics. She was the first enzymologist to use nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy to observe and record the motions of atoms inside proteins during catalysis. NMR is based on the same physical principle as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI); but it reveals proteins in action in unprecedented detail, to atomic resolution, while MRI images whole body parts.

At the time, the field of structural biology was dominated by x-ray crystallography, a technology that can depict the 3-dimensional structure of a protein, and even a few of its motions, during catalysis, but frozen in time, not dynamically. “I realized early on that showing all these beautiful structures doesn’t tell us how these proteins move or function; to learn that I knew we had to move to the fourth dimension.”

That dimension is the time domain of protein dynamics during catalysis. “It was so surprising that people hadn’t done it and I thought of using NMR because I had the knowledge of both physics and enzymology. Scientists told me that my idea of studying enzymes in action was a bit crazy, but if you think it’s a cool idea, then you just go for it,” says Kern.

“Her early papers had tremendous impact because they used NMR spectroscopy in a very novel way, and for this she was quickly recognized as a real pioneer,” Chris Miller, professor of biochemistry and a leading expert on ion channel structure and function. Along with NAS member Michael Rosbash, professor of biology and Volen National Center for Complex Systems, Miller has been an HHMI investigator since 1987.

The rest is history—in the making. Kern’s idea to marry NMR technology with enzymology has revealed the dynamics of catalysis, as if showing a film in progress, instead of individual frames stopped in time. The ability to see the dynamic personality of proteins is critical because it is the motions of the molecules that determine its function. As Kern puts it: “the magic is in the motion.”

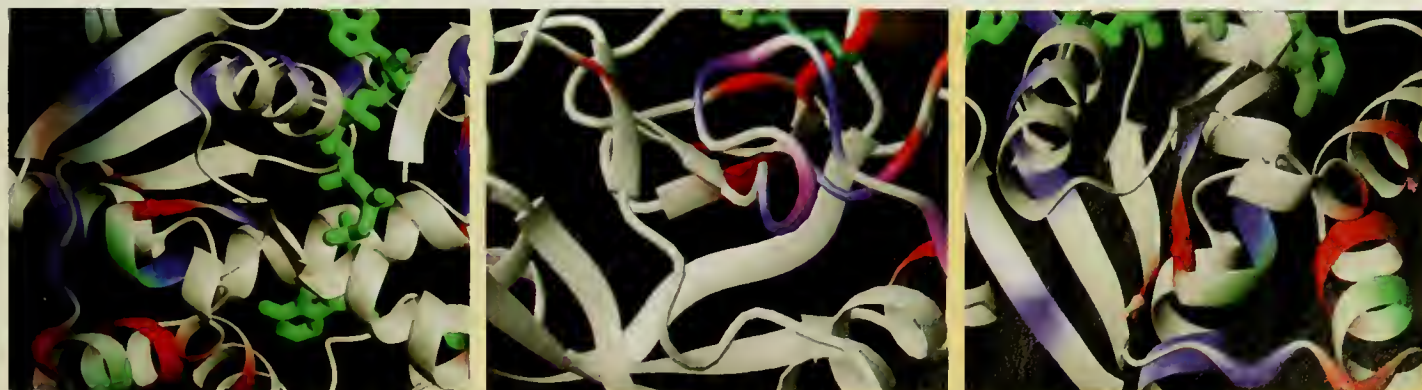
Her research has potentially broad ramifications for the treatment of human disease. Kern has been able to characterize the intimate engagement between the human enzyme cyclophilin A and an HIV protein. This interaction is essential to the virulence of HIV.

When the virus is present, it “highjacks” the enzyme within the body, binding to it and enabling HIV to replicate. Kern and others still do not know why cyclophilin is essential to HIV replication, but an understanding of how to disrupt the interaction of the molecule and HIV—without interfering with normal function—would be the first step to developing drugs that target HIV.

In the meantime, Kern’s nanoscale research also promises fundamental advances in our understanding of biology itself. The high-octane researcher asks rhetorically, Why do we grow? How do all the parts of our bodies work? How does the immune system fight off bacterial invaders? These are the kinds of questions that the former basketball star hopes to answer.

“I can’t stop asking how and why—I just want to know all the details, down to what the last atom is doing.” Then she confides, “I’m always thinking about science except when I’m on the basketball court, and then I think only about winning.” ■

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These shapes, the structures of proteins, are calculated based on the spectra shown in the figures on the previous pages. They cannot be seen directly, because a protein molecule is too small (about 30 angstrom). The dynamic hotspots are highlighted in blue and red.



Teacher, storyteller, Pulitzer Prize-winning scholar, David Hackett Fischer pays deep and personal attention to the academic interests of his students.

# Once upon a Time



by Marjorie Lyon



Sit down at David Hackett Fischer's dinner table and you may find yourself enjoying some unexpected guests. Passionately involved in his research, Fischer combines meticulously gathered data with palpable experience. You might say that he invites the characters he studies to move into his house—they are with him and his wife Judy at the dinner table, their attendance a delight. "I spend my working hours with them, they live in my thoughts," says Fischer. Currently, Samuel De Chamberlain, the subject of his next book, is a constant presence. "He lives with us right now," explains Judy.

Fischer, University Professor and Earl Warren Professor of History at Brandeis, won the 2005 Pulitzer Prize in History for his book, *Washington's Crossing* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2004), called by *Publisher's Weekly* an "impeccably researched, brilliantly executed military history." The award for Fischer marks the second time that a faculty member from the History Department at Brandeis has won a Pulitzer. Leonard W. Levy won in 1969 for his book, *Origins of the 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment*.

In *Washington's Crossing*, Fischer takes a new look at Christmas night in 1776, when in the midst of a howling storm, Washington led his weary band of soldiers across the ice-choked Delaware River. The reader will be reaching for a sweater. Bringing the moment alive with riveting narrative, portraying Washington's plan as equal parts boldness and desperation, Fischer goes beyond each event, examining the strategies, tactics, and background to offer fresh historical insight.

"George Washington took me very much by surprise," he told a packed audience during the "Meet the Author" series in Shapiro Campus Center atrium. "I began with an image of that snaffle-mouthed picture that Gilbert Stuart painted of Washington very late in his life, which most of you are

probably carrying in your wallets. But the Washington I met, in the course of my inquiries, was a young man—he was 44, and looked even younger—very lean, very strong, very fit." To illustrate his point, he described a moment when Washington's horse began to stumble: "His horse's hind legs slipped out from under him. He reached down, locked his fingers in the mane of the horse, hauled the horse's head up with brute strength and threw the weight of the horse back on his hind legs. The horse recovered his footing. And the men were in awe of this spectacle that was enacted before them," Fischer told a rapt audience.

"I suppose some people might say I'm obsessive," says Fischer. "From time to time my wife says that her next husband will have to be illiterate. I find the study of history enormously interesting, more urgently so than anything I can think of. Most serious scholars share that sort of obsession. I love doing history. I also love teaching, and storytelling. And I don't think I

would ever want to choose between those things. For me they've always come together."

His research goes far beyond the facts—he would like to give the reader the experience of his subjects. To get a sense of what Washington experienced, Fischer took his own boat trip across the Delaware. For *Paul Revere's Ride*, his 1994 best-selling historical narrative of the steps leading up to the American Revolution, he learned how to ride a horse. For *Liberty and Freedom: A Visual History*, a history of the iconography of freedom and liberty, he consulted experts on rattlesnakes to understand the meaning of the rattlesnake on the Pennsylvania flag that reads "Don't tread on me."

And it is this passion that is irresistible to students. A master communicator who revels in discovery, he captures their imagination, harnessing their restless energy and inherent curiosity. Every year, Fischer's class



David Hackett Fischer—  
exceptional and accessible

enrollments are among the highest in the department. "It's never the same twice. That's what I love," Fischer says. "Every semester is different." For many current and former Brandeis undergraduate and graduate students of American history, Fischer has been a mentor, teacher, admired colleague, and friend.

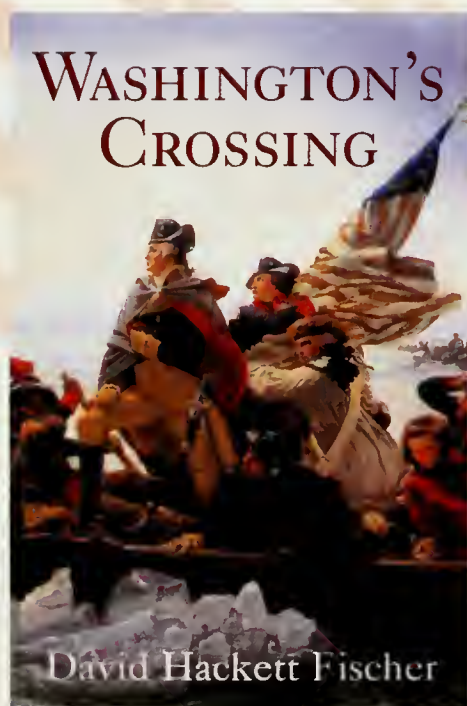
He is unassuming, shy at first impression, a kind face with an intent gaze, vivid blue eyes behind glasses. He sits quietly; there is no nervousness about him, but serenity. And when he talks, you have to listen. "After undergraduate work at Princeton and graduate work in American history at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, heading towards a career as a professor and historian, I experienced a slow... dawning...discovery.... (He has a theatrical way of altering the volume and pace, the words falling quickly over each other at times, then slowing to a measured beat, melded to the mood.) "I'm not a professor and a historian... I'm a teacher and a storyteller. And," his voice is full with delight, "life has been much easier since."

He muses about his childhood--why he was drawn to history--and you know why before he is halfway into his story. Fischer draws you into his yarns, pulling on an endless skein, relishing the process of it, shaping the thoughts as he speaks. "I grew up in Maryland, in Baltimore. History was all around me, and I think that certainly had an impact. My family was part German and part English in its ancestry. The German side was Baltimore Berger German--the world of H. L. Mencken, a world of books and music and urban cultivation, with a very strong sense of its own ways. The other side was old Maryland, with Colonial roots in the countryside, and a memory of great events in the more distant past. These legacies made strong claims on a child's identity, and the claims were made in historical terms," he explains in a melodic warm voice with a slight Southern intonation.

The events in the life of the city of Baltimore were discussed around the dining room table, and Fischer was aware that these events rose from the choices people made--people in or out of power. "In that generation Rosa Parks made a choice, as well as Earl Warren. That kind of growing up not only shaped an interest in history, but also gave me a particular sense of how history works. For many historians, history is about great determinisms. In the new social history people are studied as examples of great compendious forces over which they have no control. For me history is always about an idea of contingency: people making choices, and choices making a difference," he explains.

Not just history is woven into the fabric of his childhood, but storytelling, fueled by the conflict between North and South that meets and mingles in his border state. "There was a tale of a great aunt who had been sent out of the city to a farm on a road just north of Maryland, above Baltimore, and she was there on a very rainy day in July, 1863--July 5--and the rain had stopped that morning. And then she heard a sound that was like the wind in the trees. But it was not a sound that she'd ever heard before, so she went outside to try to see where it came from. And she saw on the road, coming from the north, heading south, a line of wagons as far as she could see, and that sound, like the wind in the trees, was the wounded of Gettysburg who were being brought down to the hospitals. That tale was told to my brother and to me when we were very small. There was an immediacy about that that made history part of our lives," he says.

Fischer emulates his teacher when he was a graduate student at Johns Hopkins, C. Vann Woodward, who he describes as "a Southern gentleman and a great scholar. I remember a hot Baltimore day, steamy day, temperatures well in the 90s. We were toiling on the top floor of Gilman Hall in the library, which had an old copper roof. We were almost in the attic, and the heat was intense. In came Vann Woodward, a very soft spoken,



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thoughtful, slow spoken Southerner. He thought for a while, and said. . . 'It's hot.' We thought for a while. . . and agreed. And he said, 'It would be a nice day to go swimming.' I grew up in Baltimore, and I knew a swimming hole--an old abandoned stone quarry. So four or five of us went out there that day. An old World War II life raft was floating in the quarry. We swam out to it and sat there and had a seminar. It reminded me of a saying at Williams that the ideal undergraduate college was a log with a famous teacher on one end of the log, and a student on the other. I always thought the ideal graduate school was a raft, with Vann Woodward on one end, and a group of graduate students on the other."

Calling his students "the best of Brandeis for me," he says students at Brandeis are excellent by comparison. "I've taught at Harvard and Oxford, I've lectured all over the place. My Brandeis students are the best I've met--they have a seriousness about their learning, and they're wonderful to teach. It's partly in the institutional culture of Brandeis itself and partly in the air of Boston--a culture of learning. That's a tradition that reinforces itself."

Students are equally appreciative. When Brian Donahue, '82, PhD '95, Associate Professor of American Environmental Studies, and Director, Environmental Studies Program, decided to go back to school (after dropping out of Brandeis to farm in Weston for five years) to study a combination of ecology and history, he couldn't find a program that suited him. Someone suggested that he should talk to David Hackett Fischer, who was interested in the way people live. "I started talking about the things I was interested in, and immediately he was very excited by them," explains Donahue, who was Fischer's student as an undergraduate in 1980-82 and as a graduate student in American History in 1983-95. "And that's a real characteristic of Fischer as a teacher. He gets very excited about what students

are interested in and starts coming up with all kinds of ideas about what research they can do. So before I knew it we were talking about blueberries. I was curious, and I still am, about the history of blueberries, and the diet of local people. I was interested in those kinds of obscure questions and it turned out Fischer had undergraduate students working on primary research in Concord, where I was living," explains Donahue. It was a perfect fit--Donahue came back to Brandeis to finish his undergraduate career with Fischer as his primary advisor, and went on to graduate work at Brandeis.

Donahue describes his mentor this way: "Fischer can just go, like many great scholars and lecturers, at the drop of a hat. I was a TA for him--I helped teach a class, still offered today, called *Fire and Ice*, a history of the world from an environmental point of view. He had an undergraduate student who would help him take slides out of every conceivable book and pictures from all societies at all times--a massive collection of slides. I used to go into his office 15 minutes before class and his desk would be covered with hundreds of slides. He would be holding them up to the window. My job was to sit there with the carousel and jam these things in. You know, he'd be handing them to me and I'd be putting them in, and he'd say, 'No, no, wait, we have to put this slide in, and I'd be moving them all. We'd rush into the lecture hall, and I'd go to the back and put the carousel on the projector and he'd go into his lecture without notes, just the slides driving him, which is always an impressive thing to see in action. He could pull these things together in his head and generate excitement about them. He is legendary for the amount of energy he has, and he's willing to tackle just about anything, and often sees things in very new and different ways."

Fischer has been teaching at Brandeis since 1962. His many books are as accessible to the general reader as any



**Fischer has a long history of working closely with students, on campus and off, as in the previous overleaf at the Old North Bridge Revolutionary War site in Concord.**

novel. Among them are *Paul Revere's Ride*; *Liberty and Freedom: A Visual History of America's Founding Ideas*; *Albion's Seed: Four British Folkways in America*; *The Great Wave: Price Revolutions and the Rhythm of History*; and *Historians' Fallacies: Toward a Logic of Historical Thought*. He is the co-editor, with James M. McPherson, of the *Pivotal Moments in American History* series published by Oxford University Press.

It is obvious in these books that Fischer relishes the telling of history that fascinates him. As he shared with the audience his thoughts about *Washington's Crossing*, he said, "I'm going to tell you a wonderful story, and one of its attractions for me is that it is so familiar to most of us. I think of it in connection with a comment that was made by Artur Schnabel, a pianist, who was sitting down to play Beethoven sonatas, and he said, 'This music is better than it could ever be played.' And I think this story is better than it could ever be told." And then he told it, better than anyone had ever told it before. ■

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# Brandeis

## Faculty Notes

### Jennifer Cleary

Artist-in-Residence in the Department of Theater Arts (stage management), recently received a master's degree in education (with a focus in arts-in-education) from Harvard University.

### Jane A. Hale

associate professor of French and comparative literature, spent the month of June at the Lesotho College of Education. She used the Brandeis model of Humanities in the Professions seminars to conduct training for lecturers in English, French, and Sesotho. Training themes were student-centered teaching and ways to integrate the teaching of language and literature.

### Karen V. Hansen

director of graduate studies and professor of sociology and women's and gender studies, recently published a book, *Not-So-Nuclear Families: Class, Gender, and Networks of Care*, which has become a finalist for the C. Wright Mills Award (given by the Society for the Study of Social Problems). She was awarded the Dean of Arts and Sciences Mentoring Award for outstanding mentoring of students in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

### Nadia Kim

assistant professor of sociology and women's and gender studies, was elected council member of the Asia/Asian America section of the American Sociological Association. She was also a selected participant for the International Migration Summer Institute of the Social Science Research Council and U.C. Irvine's Center for Research on Immigration, Population, and Public Policy.

### Ann Olga Koloski-Ostrow

associate professor and chair of classical studies, has been appointed to the editorial board of *Amphora*, the new outreach journal of the American Philological Association. Her article, "What's New at Pompeii and Herculaneum? Research, Excavation, Exhibitions, Events, and Books" is forthcoming in volume 4, issue 2.

### Marya Lowry

Artist-in-Residence, Department of Theater Arts, presented her research on the act of ritual lamentation in a six-day seminar/workshop at the International Roy Hart Centre (France) in August. A founding member of Boston's newest professional theater, Marya played the roles of Buckingham in *Richard III* and Portia in *Julius Caesar* in the inaugural 2004-05 season.

### Benjamin Ravid

Jennie and Mayer Weisman Professor of Jewish History, delivered an invited lecture, "How Successful Was the Ghetto in Isolating the Jews," at the International Conference on "Jews in Italy from Antiquity to Present Days: Between Ghetto and Integration," held at the University of Munich in June 2005.

### Vardit Ringvald

director of Hebrew and Arabic languages, coauthored a book, *Brandeis Modern Hebrew*, with Yaron Peleg and three fellow members of the Hebrew Language Program—Bonit Porath, Esther Shorr, and Sara Hascal. The book was published by UPNE in July 2005.

### Jonathan D. Sarna '75, M.A. '75

Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History, won the 2005 Weinberg Judaic Studies Institute Prize for the Best Book in American Jewish Studies for his book, *American Judaism: A History*, and was cowinner of the Saul Viener Prize for Outstanding Book in American Jewish History, 2003-04. He was awarded the Akiba Award by the American Jewish Committee for "exceptional contributions to the enrichment of Jewish intellectual, cultural, and communal life."

### Nancy Scott

associate professor of fine arts, has received a Pro Helvetia grant for research on the 19th-century Swiss artist Vincenzo Vela, and has spent research time in Switzerland and Italy the past two summers working in Roman archives, as well as at the Museo Vela in southern Switzerland. She is preparing two museum bulletins for the Museo Vela. The topics include an examination of Vela's influence both on his American patrons and on a younger generation of American sculptors, setting up studios in Rome after the Civil War.

### Jack P. Shonkoff, M.D.

Gingold Professor of Human Development and Social Policy at The Heller School, was selected as the 2005 recipient of the C. Anderson Aldrich Award from the American Academy of Pediatrics. This award is the Academy's highest honor for contributions in the field of child development.

### Liz Terry

Artist-in-Residence, Department of Theater Arts, played Gloucester in the 2005 Brandeis Theater performance of *King Lear* and doctor in *4.48 Psychosis* during the 2005 Leonard Bernstein Festival of the Creative Arts. She coached voice, text, and dialect for *Macbeth*, *Twelfth Night*, and *Henry VIII* at the 2005 Illinois Shakespeare Festival. Terry also offered a workshop for high school teachers this past summer.

## Committed Philanthropy

### Kay Family, Mellon Foundation Team Up to Endow Important Fellowships at Brandeis

The chair of Brandeis University's Board of Trustees, Stephen B. Kay, is pledging \$3.5 million to permanently endow fellowships for young postdoctoral scholars in the humanities and the social sciences – giving them the means to continue their research, teach, and publish before seeking tenure-track positions in higher education.

His gift will establish the Kay Fellows Fund, named in honor of Kay's mother, Florence Levy Kay.

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has pledged an additional \$1.5 million toward the endowment.

Brandeis President Jehuda Reinharz called Kay's gift "a wonderful philanthropic commitment, and one that furthers our goal and Brandeis's tradition of attracting the very best minds to teach and do research in the humanities and social sciences."

"Brandeis is consistently ranked among the world's best research and liberal arts institutions," said Reinharz, "and that is due in large part to support from organizations and people like the Mellon Foundation and the Kay family."

Since 1997, 16 Mellon Fellows have come to spend two years at the University. Three new Fellows arrived on campus this fall: Kecia Ali, Mellon Fellow in Islamic Studies and Women's Studies; Jeremy

Mumford, Mellon Fellow in Atlantic World History: c. 1500-1800; and Deborah Weinstein, Mellon Fellow in the History of Medicine.

The new Kay Fellows Fund will encourage and support the very special cooperation among the University departments that has sparked the creation of new ways of thinking and discovery.

"From the very beginning, Brandeis has been committed to excellence in the humanities and the social sciences. I hope that the new fund will attract

## Gracious Generosity



Lucy and William Friedman

### William S. '65 and Lucy Friedman Establish Theodore and Jane Norman Fund for Faculty

William S. Friedman '65 and his wife Lucy have made a \$5 million gift to Brandeis to establish the Theodore and Jane Norman Fund to support faculty in every discipline. Members of the Brandeis community gathered in the Brandeis Faculty Club on October 7 to honor the Friedmans for their generosity.

The fund at Brandeis University, named in honor of Lucy Friedman's parents, will support important faculty research, faculty sabbaticals, and supplement prestigious faculty grants and awards.

"Lucy and I are privileged to honor the memory of her parents – outstanding intellectuals who lived their lives with reverence for learning and commitment to tzedakah – values which we hope this gift helps perpetuate at Brandeis," William Friedman said.

Brandeis President Jehuda Reinharz said in announcing the gift, "I feel strongly that maintaining the quality of Brandeis's world-renowned faculty is the University's highest priority. Everything in our University's plan flows from the quality of our faculty – Brandeis's academic ranking, student satisfaction and retention,



many fine young scholars to Brandeis and add to its strength in these fields," said Stephen Kay.

The endowment of the Kay Fellows Program will also increase opportunities for interdisciplinary learning at the University. The appeal of such learning is evidenced by the choices Brandeis students are making. In recent years, the number of students choosing more than one major has doubled, and that pursuing interdepartmental majors or minors has tripled.



**Trustees Chairman  
Stephen B. Kay**

the quality and size of the applicant pool, and the University's national and international reputation – all depend on a robust and creative Brandeis faculty."

Brandeis University Provost Martha Wyngaarden Krauss and Arts and Sciences Dean Adam Jaffe applauded the Friedmans' decision to invest in the Brandeis faculty.

"This gift will encourage scholars from every discipline to pursue new projects, initiatives, and prestigious grants and awards that will continue to bring honor to Brandeis," Krauss said.

Lucy Friedman's father, Theodore Norman, taught English at the old Middlesex University, which was located on what is now the Brandeis campus, while pursuing a doctorate at Harvard. He later switched to economics when he realized that, at the height of the Great Depression, it offered better employment prospects. Norman worked for the LaFollette Committee on migrant labor and for the U.S. Agriculture Department during World

War II. He later headed the Jewish Agricultural Society and the Baron Dehiscé Fund, where he was involved in education projects for children of Jewish farmers in the United States and Israel.

This gift is the Friedmans' second major commitment to the Campaign for Brandeis. Friedman, a history major at Brandeis, and his wife, who attended Brandeis for a year, established the Raymond Ginger Endowed Professorship in 2004, named in honor of a former faculty member in the Department of History. The professorship is held by Paul Jankowski.

Friedman has served as chief executive officer and been a director of New York-based Tarragon Corp. since 1989. He has also been chairman of the board of directors since December 2000. Before that, he was a real estate attorney and director of many public and private real estate investment and development companies. After graduating from Brandeis, he and his wife served in the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic. Friedman later earned a law degree from Columbia University.

## Data in, Data Out



Michael Steinhardt

### A major gift from Michael Steinhardt aims to bolster understanding of religion and ethnicity in the United States

Brandeis has announced the establishment of the Steinhardt Social Research Institute. The institute, which is scheduled to officially open in September 2005, will collect, analyze and disseminate unbiased data that can be used in myriad ways, most notably to help the Jewish community better plan for its future and to bolster understanding of religion and ethnicity in the United States. The institute is being made possible through a generous gift of \$12 million from noted philanthropist Michael Steinhardt,

chairman of the Jewish Life Network/Steinhardt Foundation.

"Thanks to Michael Steinhardt's dedication and vision, Brandeis will become the premier site for collection and analysis of statistical data about the U.S. Jewish population," Brandeis president Jehuda Reinharz said.

In addition to collecting and organizing existing population data and statistics from private, communal and government sources, the Steinhardt Social Research Institute will also launch its own local and national studies of the character of American Jewry and Jewish organizations. The

information will be made widely available to scholars, communal organizations and philanthropies.

"The Steinhardt Institute's data archive will serve as a major building block for studies and analyses of the Jewish community," said Brandeis Professor Leonard Saxe, a planner of the initiative.

Initially, the focus will be on gathering basic data about the size and characteristics of the American Jewish community. Later, more specific studies will be conducted on issues such as Jewish identity and engagement. The Steinhardt Institute will also conduct methodological studies

## Golf Outing



Golf Outing Committee: Bram Weber '97, Michael Baumrin '75, Stacy A. Sarna '90 Henry Aboodi '86, Charlie Fisch '87, Adam Raboy '82 (not pictured)



designed to create new paradigms for studying the Jewish community.

The institute's work will be carried out by a multi-disciplinary resident faculty, which will be augmented by visiting scholars and consultants. The research staff will include experts in demography, economics, psychology, sociology, and statistics. Public opinion research firms will develop state-of-the-art data collection systems. An advisory board of distinguished community leaders and scholars will guide the institute's work, which will be supported by a technical advisory panel.

Mr. Steinhardt, a trustee of Brandeis University, is widely known as a legendary Wall Street money manager. In 1995, he stunned the financial world with his decision to disband his successful firm to devote his time and resources to philanthropic causes, largely in the Jewish world. Since establishing the Jewish Life Network/Steinhardt Foundation a decade ago, Steinhardt has donated more than \$100 million in support of programs and initiatives that are successfully renewing American Jewish life. One of the foundation's most well-known and successful programs is birthright israel, a partnership that has provided free, educational trips to Israel to more than

75,000 young adults. The foundation, which serves as Steinhardt's "think tank" for developing new projects, worked closely with Brandeis in the planning of the institute.

Mr. Steinhardt added, "I have always relied on research, analysis and measurement when weighing various investment opportunities. Substantive, accurate data is, perhaps, even more important for the Jewish community. When making a financial investment, money is at risk. On the other hand, when it comes to allocating resources and developing innovative programs for the Jewish community, the survival of our people and

its unique identity are at stake – and that is far more valuable."

Steinhardt chose Brandeis as the home for the research institute because of the University's stature as one of the nation's top liberal arts research institutions, and its strong ties to the Jewish community. Brandeis University's faculty includes some of the country's leading Judaic scholars and researchers, and the school is renowned for its distinguished programs in Jewish studies, Jewish education, communal leadership and research on the Jewish community. An overflow, alumni gathering in New York City this fall heard Steinhardt speak about the new Institute.

On Monday, August 1, 2005 Brandeis sponsored its first Golf Outing at Cold Spring Country Club in Huntington, New York. Over 100 alumni, parents, and friends of Brandeis participated in a day of camaraderie and competition. In addition many other alumni supported Brandeis through sponsorship of the outing and donating of their time, promotional items, and raffle prizes. All proceeds are in support of an undergraduate scholarship at Brandeis.

The day-long event began with brunch followed by a round of golf that included team competitions and contests, leading up to a \$1,000,000 hole-in-one shootout between the four winners of the closest to the pin contests. The evening featured award presentations to team and individual winners and a raffle drawing for prizes, including luxury jewelry and a golf resort vacation.

The Golf Outing Committee was chaired by University Trustee Henry Aboodi '86 and included Michael Baumrin '75, Charlie Fisch

'87, Adam Raboy '82, Stacy A. Sarna '90 and Bram Weber '97. Aboodi considered the day a great success.

For more information on the outing, its sponsors, or to see photos from the event, please visit <http://alumni.brandeis.edu/golf>.

The next outing will be July 31, 2006, at Ridgeway Country Club in Westchester.



## Fellows News



Board of Fellows Cochair Richard Kaufman '57, Jonathan Sarna '75, M.A. '75, Elaine Rosenblatt Levitin '59 and Martin Levitin, and Fellows Cochair Rosalind Fuchsberg '59 Kaufman.



Former NBC News Anchor Tom Brokaw

### Fellows Dinner and Discussion with President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72 and Jonathan Sarna '75, M.A. '75

On April 7, Fellows, Trustees and their guests gathered at Brandeis House in New York City, for a dinner and discussion with Jonathan Sarna '75, M.A. '75, the Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History. Hosted by Fellows Cochairs Richard '57 and Rosalind Fuchsberg '59 Kaufman, the standing room only crowd was treated to a University update by President Reinharz, followed by a lively discussion with Professor Sarna on the research surrounding his book *American Judaism, A History*.

### Former NBC News Anchor Tom Brokaw Speaks at the Fellows Commencement Breakfast.

As the University prepared for the 54<sup>th</sup> Commencement activities, Fellows, Trustees, and their guests gathered for the sixth annual Fellows Commencement Breakfast on Sunday, May 22. Fellows Cochairs Richard '57 and Rosalind Fuchsberg '59

Kaufman welcomed the group and recognized the honorary degree recipients where were in attendance. They then introduced Brokaw, who urged the group to "re-enlist as citizens" amid the country's expansive war against terror. Following the presentation, Fellows, Trustees, and honorary degree recipients robed for the ceremonial Commencement processional.

### Fellows Gathering in the Berkshires

University Fellow Ed Jaffe and Lola Jaffe hosted a gathering at their home in Stockbridge, on Monday, July 11, as part of the Brandeis in the Berkshires program. All Brandeis in the Berkshires attendees, as well as Fellows in the area, were invited to an afternoon tea and talk by Naomi Chazan, the head of the School of Politics and Society at Tel Aviv College and professor emerita of political science at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Chazan's talk, *A Political Update on the Eve of the Gaza Disengagement*, was followed by a lively question and answer session and discussion.

## In Our Prayers

Our prayers for comfort on the passing of Fellows and family:

**Fellows:**  
Kay Stein, M.A. '72,  
February 7

Sy Stewart, May 11

Ambassador Milton Wolf,  
May 19

Cecil Greenwold, June 15

**Family:**  
Selma Kaye, wife of Fellow  
Walter Kaye

Alvin Allen, husband of  
Brandeis Fellow Helaine  
Allen



## Newly Elected Fellows

At their spring meetings, the Board of Trustees voted to elect Burt Rosen '55, Elaine and Gerald Schuster, Stanley Snider, Werner Weidenfeld, and Paul Zlotoff '72 as members of the Board of Fellows. Each of these new Fellows will serve a three-year term through Commencement 2008.

**Burt Rosen '55** is the Chairman and CEO of C/F International, a worldwide television program distribution company based in Ventura, California. Rosen is a longtime Brandeis supporter, both within his class and in Southern California, serving as a member of his local club steering committee as well as a member of the planning committee for his 40<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> Reunions. Most recently, Rosen wrote and produced for his 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion "The New Voices of Brandeis." This fast-paced 15-minute song and dance history of Brandeis was put on by Brandeis theater students and received a standing ovation at its debut on May 21. Outside of Brandeis, Rosen is a fundraiser for various Orange County and California Democratic candidates, and has his own internet radio show "The Burt Rosen Show."

**Gerald and Elaine Schuster** serve as the President and Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Community Affairs respectively of Continental Wingate Company, a holding company which owns and operates

businesses specializing in financial services, real estate development, property management, and healthcare. In the fall of 2004, the Schusters' gave \$1 million to initiate the Institute of Investigative Journalism at Brandeis, the first University based program dedicated to the type of in-depth reporting that has become uncommon in today's newsrooms. From arranging for former First Lady, Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton to speak at the Rabb Seminar in Palm Beach to supporting the Women's Studies Research Center and Rose Art Museum to advising the University on financing new residence hall construction and the upgrading of existing residence halls, the Schusters' have been longtime enthusiastic and generous supporters of Brandeis. The Schusters' philanthropy extends beyond campus, to organizations including Brigham & Women's Hospital, Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston, Tufts University, the Boston Public Library Foundation, and the Democratic Party.

**Stanley Snider** is the president of Stanmar, Inc., which operates Smuggler's Notch in Vermont. and specializes in construction of athletic facilities such as Y's, Boys and Girls Clubs, and college athletic facilities. He also developed "The Farm" condominium development and Mattakesett Village on Martha's Vineyard. His father, Harry Snider, was an early Brandeis supporter, and Snider has been a longtime friend of the University. He serves on the Board of Overseers for the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies, and outside of Brandeis he is on the Board of Overseers for the American Jewish Committee and involved with Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston.

**Werner Weidenfeld** is a professor of political science and the Director of the Center for Applied Policy Research at the University of Munich and is a member of the executive board of the Bertelsmann Foundation. Weidenfeld is also an accomplished author and serves as the editor of the monthly journal *International Politik*, Germany's leading international affairs publications. A former Brandeis University Trustee, Weidenfeld played a key role in securing grants from the German Academic Exchange Service to establish the Center for German and European Studies at Brandeis. He also helped to secure funding for conferences on "German Literature, Jewish Critics" and on "Perspectives in German American Jewish Culture."

**Paul Zlotoff '72** is the Chairman and CEO of Uniprop, a full-service real estate investment firm specializing in the acquisition, development, marketing, and management of manufactured home communities, headquartered in Birmingham, Michigan. After four years of service as President of the Alumni Association, Zlotoff's term ended in May 2005. During his tenure as President, he played a major role in the Campaign for Brandeis and in the strengthening of alumni involvement. Zlotoff was the catalyst for many significant changes, including revitalizing the Alumni Board's leadership, raising the profile of the Alumni Board both on campus and across the country, and encouraging increased participation by alumni in all facets of University life. Zlotoff also serves as a member of the Global Board of Trustees of Bar Ilan University, and is on the board of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit. He is married to Linda Yale '72 Zlotoff and they have 2 children.

# Books and Recordings



## Alumni

**Elisa Albert '00**

**Pearl Gluck '93**

**Francesca Segrè '94**

Contributing writers

Ruth Andrew Ellenson, ed.

*The Modern Jewish Girl's Guide to Guilt*  
Dutton

Ever worried about worrying enough, failed to live up to the Zionist ideals of your parents, or contemplated getting a pedicure on Yom Kippur? *The Modern Jewish Girl's Guide to Guilt* explodes with truth, humor, and insight into what it means to be a Jewish woman at the dawn of the 21st century. The women in this anthology bravely invite you along as they struggle to strike a balance between their heritage and their modern lives. Their predicaments will make you laugh, cry, and howl in recognition.

**Keith Anwar '74, ed.**

Written by his father, M.H. Anwar

*Memories of Afghanistan*  
AuthorHouse

In 1973, M.H. Anwar began writing short autobiographical stories about his childhood in Afghanistan. He writes about the tragic and traumatic episodes and the picturesque adventures of his youth, which shed insight into the poorly understood country. This book introduces vivid

portraits of individuals from his life in Afghanistan, as well as a record of the hopes of a handful of Afghans who were trying to improve their country's future with enlightenment and science.

**Stacey Ballis '92**

Ballis is the director of education and community programs at the Goodman Theatre in Chicago.

*Sleeping Over*  
Red Dress Ink

Thirty-something Chicagoans Jess, Anne, Beth, Lilith, and Robin attempt to figure out when a sleepover is appropriate, and they are willing to lose sleep trying to figure it out. In *Sleeping Over*—part *Sex and the City*, part *Little Women*—Ballis examines both romantic and platonic relationships (and platonic wanting to be romantic) while keenly observing the various consequences of spending the night together.

**Stephen Bertman '60**

Dr. Bertman teaches at Lawrence Technological University. He is the author of many books and received the Windsor Alumni Award for Excellence in University Teaching.

*Erotic Love Poems of Greece and Rome*  
New American Library

With his new translations, Bertman presents and discusses some of the most beautiful, stirring expressions of erotic desire

from the ancient worlds of Greece and Rome—where men made love to goddesses and a woman's face could launch a thousand ships. From Sappho's feminist *Manifesto of Love* to the romantic interludes in Homer's epic poems, *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*, this collection taps into the many kinds of passion that we still know today—new or seasoned, obsessive or unrequited, noble or illicit.

**Mark S. Blumberg '83**

Blumberg is a neuroscientist at the University of Iowa. He is well published in his field and recently received an Independent Scientist Award from the National Institute of Mental Health.

*Basic Instinct: The Genesis of Behavior*  
Thunder's Mouth Press

In this book, Blumberg seeks to uncover what drives us to make snap decisions in particular circumstances. Are we, along with our nonhuman counterparts, "hard-wired" to display similar patterns of behavior, or does our environment dictate our actions? He cuts into the heart of the increasingly heated debates on nature vs. nurture and infuses his rigorous study with personal anecdotes that exemplify the very phenomenon he describes.

**Cynthia Joyce Clay '79**

Clay lives in Miami, Florida.

*Vector Theory and the Plot Structures of Literature and Drama*

Oestara Publishing LLC

Clay's book examines literary and dramatic plotting. Beginning with a summary of the salient aesthetic theories of the theater, Clay endeavors to define plot and its elements systematically, logically, and precisely, by using a vector theory. In physics, vectors represent the forces that push and pull—that move and propel objects. Vectors are used analogously to describe how characters, objects, and locations, which are the "bodies" of literature and drama, reflect the propelling of literary and dramatic "forces."

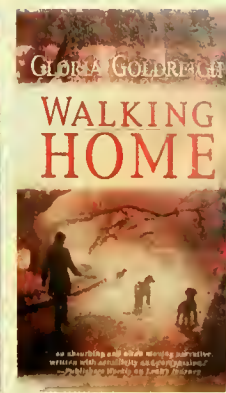
**Al Cuoco M.A. '79, Ph.D. '80**

For the past 10 years, Cuoco has been working on developing mathematics programs for students and teachers, and on the PROMYS for Teachers program at BU.

*Mathematical Connections: A Companion for Teachers and Others*  
Mathematical Association of America

Cuoco's book emphasizes some of the topics that form the foundation for high school mathematics. There are closely-knit ideas that are at the intersection of algebra, arithmetic, combinatorics, geometry,





and calculus. Most of the ideas are classical, such as methods for fitting polynomial functions to data or for summing powers of integers. Other ideas, previously considered advanced, are now tractable because of advances in computational technology. The book is primarily written for high school teachers.

#### Susan Faith '79

Faith is an award-winning author who believes it is her purpose to encourage everyone to live a happy and healthy life. Susan has a son and lives with her partner in a house full of pets.

*Purple Puppy*  
Purple People, Inc.

This book is a warm story of the bond between a family and all animals. Illustrated with vibrant paintings, *Purple Puppy* introduces Helen, an adventurous child with a vivid imagination. After a busy day preparing to adopt a puppy, she falls asleep only to dream that she is a puppy. Full of mischief and curiosity, this dream-created pooch will educate, entertain, and be embraced by animal lovers of all ages.

#### Debra Garfinkle '84

Garfinkle lives in Orange County, California, with her husband and three children. She writes a humorous parenting column for the Aliso Viejo News section of the *Orange County Register*.

*Storky: How I lost My Nickname and Won the Girl*  
G.P. Putnam's Sons of Penguin Young Readers Group

Michael Pomerantz does not have great expectations for high school, where people still call him "Storky," his mom is dating his dentist, and his father can barely sit through their Sunday night dinners. Over the course of the year, things start to pick up for Michael. But then a startling announcement from Mom threatens to destroy all of Michael's progress. Storky is a hilarious journal of teen trials and tribulations. In no time, you'll be rooting for Storky to lose his nickname and win the girl.

#### Merrill Joan Gerber, M.A. '81

Gerber is a lecturer in creative writing at California Institute of Technology.

*Glimmering Girls: A Novel of the Fifties*  
University of Wisconsin Press

Imagine being "campused." Horrors! For that meant virtual imprisonment in one's dorm room as punishment for not having both feet solidly on the floor

while entertaining a male guest. So things went for proper young women, in 1959, especially in the South. Transplanted New Yorker Francie, a first-semester University of Florida senior, is delighted that Amanda and Liz, though more worldly than she, accept her, after which it is bye-bye to a dateless roomie and hello to off-campus housing with her newfound friends and three other students—men!

*This Is a Voice from Your Past: New and Selected Stories*  
Ontario Review Press

"Every woman gets a call like this sooner or later. The phone rings, a man says: 'this is a voice from your past.'" The opening of the compelling title story of Merrill Joan Gerber's collection sets the tone for each of the thirteen remarkable pieces gathered here. Set mostly in Southern California—in seemingly peaceful, suburban households—Gerber's stories expose the raw, sometimes murderous impulses normally hidden beneath the façade of middle-class life.

#### Richard Godbeer, Ph.D. '89

Godbeer is a professor of history at the University of Miami. His books include the award-winning *The Devil's Dominion: Magic and Religion in Early New England* and *Sexual Revolution in Early America*.

*Escaping Salem: The Other Witch Hunt of 1692*  
Oxford University Press

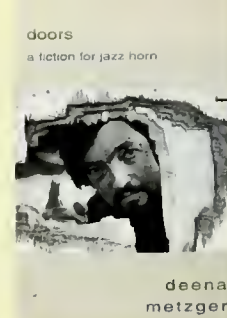
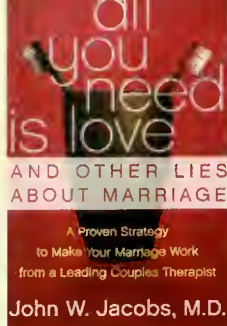
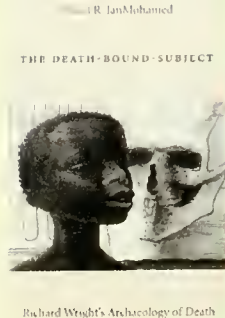
In Stamford, Connecticut, there was a witch hunt that has never been examined in depth before Godbeer's *Escaping Salem*. He draws on eye-witness testimony of the trial, where 17-year-old Kate Branch accuses several women of bewitching her, two of whom must go to trial for witchcraft. The book describes the surprisingly skeptical Stamford townfolk inside the courtroom. Godbeer shows the legal thicket for the judges—all agreed that witches posed a real and serious threat, but proving the invisible crime of witchcraft was a different matter.

#### Gloria Goldreich '55

Goldreich is the critically acclaimed author of several novels, including *Leah's Journey*, which won the National Jewish Book Award for fiction.

*Walking Home*  
Mira Books

This novel centers around Manhattan public relations exec Rochelle Weiss whose comfortable life is turned upside down by the news that her beloved parents are dying. Determined to care for them in their final days, she loses her job, the support of her lover, Phil, and her faith. Finding herself alone and broke, she has nowhere to go but the depths of her own unexplored soul. But when she agrees to take over a friend's dog-walking



route, Rochelle discovers the abundance of life that lies beyond the trappings of success.

**Phebe S. Goodman '78**

Goodman is a landscape designer with a special interest in urban parks. For many years, she was executive director of Friends of Copley Square.

*The Garden Squares of Boston*  
University Press of New England

Of the many types of historic landscapes that have become treasured open spaces in North America's dense urban fabric, the garden (or residential) square has been greatly overlooked. Yet the garden has played an important role in the planning of Philadelphia, Savannah, Boston, and New York, several of America's major early cities. Goodman traces Charles Bulfinch's connection to these historic landscapes and compares them to their London prototypes. She urges neighborhood groups and public sectors to maintain these squares or "the future of these historic garden squares will be in jeopardy."

**Abdul R. JanMohamed, Ph.D. '77**

JanMohamed is a professor of English at the University of California, Berkeley.

*The Death-Bound-Subject: Richard Wright's Archaeology of Death*  
Duke University Press

JanMohamed's book offers a powerful argument that Richard Wright's oeuvre is a systematic and thorough investigation of the African-American subject who is formed from infancy onward by the imminent threat of death. *The Death-Bound-Subject* is a reevaluation of the work of a major twentieth-century American writer, but also is a developed methodology for understanding the presence of the death-bound-subject in African-American literature and culture from the earliest slave narratives forward.

**John W. Jacobs '65**

Jacobs is a psychiatrist in private practice in Manhattan. He is supervisor of psychiatric residents at North Shore University Hospital and a clinical associate professor of psychiatry at New York University School of Medicine.

*All You Need Is Love and Other Lies About Marriage*  
HarperCollins Publishers

In Jacobs's new book on marriage, he explains the transformation of couples' relationships throughout history and why contemporary marriage has become more vulnerable to dissolution. People refuse to see how social and historical forces have affected marriage. For instance, people live longer and therefore married people live together longer. There is also confusion over gender-role responsibilities, and there is time pressure to work and be successful. The book recognizes these new

realities of marriage and how to develop the skills required to sustain a loving, intimate relationship.

**Charles R. Kellner '75**

Kellner is a senior consultant at Daticon, Inc., in Norwich, Connecticut.

*Electronic Discovery and Computer Forensics*  
Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education Press

Paper discovery has always been pretty straightforward, but in recent times, ninety percent or more of all information is in electronic form. This book is a thorough reference for lawyers on how to collect and correctly use electronic discovery and computer forensics in legal cases. Kellner and his coauthors have written this practical guide in order to explain how to plan ahead when dealing with clients. Time and cost budgeting is necessary with electronic discovery, since electronic data is volatile, easily deleted, and changed over time.

**Kathleen Kendall-Tackett Ph.D. '90**

Kendall-Tackett is a research associate professor of psychology at the University of New Hampshire, Durham. She is widely published in the fields of family violence, maternal depression, perinatal health, and disability.

*Depression in New Mothers: Causes, Consequences and Treatment Alternatives*  
Halworth Press

Updating her classic text, *Postpartum Depression*, in this new book Kendall-Tackett provides health care professionals with a comprehensive approach to treating postpartum depression, including safe treatment options for breast-feeding mothers. Addressing pain, fatigue, negative birth experiences, infant characteristics, and psychosocial factors, the text presents care options, as well as a vital, cross-cultural view of depression in new mothers.

**Christopher Kuschel '03, M.A. '04**

Kuschel currently works for a Big Four accounting firm in Boston.

*Where Am I Going?*  
Publish America

During his junior year of college, Kuschel, who had never been away from home for more than two weeks, left his home in the Boston suburbs to study in Italy. In the five months he was gone, Chris, along with his friends, attempted to experience all that Italy and Europe have to offer: the art, the architecture, the people, the culture, and, of course, the wine, beer, and women. From being stranded in a Croatian national park during a blizzard to relaxing at a traditional Turkish bath in Istanbul, the reader travels with Chris around Italy and across Europe.





**Bernard M. Levinson, Ph.D. '91**

with Eckart Otto, eds. Levinson is the Berman Family Chair of Jewish Studies and Hebrew Bible at the University of Minnesota.

*Law and Ethics in the Old Testament*  
Eisenbrauns

Leading European and North American scholars of law and ethics in the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible bring their work together in this volume. Commemorating Gerhard von Rad, on the centennial of his birth, these studies were originally presented at a special international colloquium, which took place in Heidelberg, Germany, on October 20–21, 2001.

**Herbert S. Lewis '55**

with L. Gordon McLester III, eds. Lewis is a professor emeritus of anthropology at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

*Oneida Lives: Long-Lost Voices of the Wisconsin Oneidas*  
University of Nebraska Press

In this intimate volume, the long-lost voices of Wisconsin Oneida men and women speak of all aspects of life: growing up, work and economic struggles, family, religious practice, boarding-school life, love, sex, and politics. These voices are drawn from a collection of handwritten accounts recently rediscovered after

more than 50 years, the result of a wpa Federal Writers' Project undertaking called the Oneida Ethnological Study (1940–42) in which a dozen Oneida men and women were hired to interview their families and friends and record their own experiences and observations.

**Bruce Maddy-Weitzman '75**

Maddy-Weitzman is a member of the affiliated faculty at Tel Aviv University.

*Palestinian and Israeli Intellectuals in the Shadow of Oslo and Intifadat al-Aqza*  
Dayan Center, Tel Aviv University

This study of Palestinian and Israeli intellectuals was conceived before the failure of the peace negotiations and continues through developments up to the summer of 2001. The focus of this inquiry is on the "secular," left-of-center intellectuals who represent important streams of public thought in both communities. Secular left-wing and liberal intellectuals on both sides of the divide are important to the study of Palestinian-Israeli conflict since they, more than others, engaged their counterparts in "conversation."

**Deena Metzger '57**

Metzger is a writer, storyteller, and healer. She works primarily in Los Angeles and leads retreats nationally and internationally.

*Doors: A Fiction for Jazz Horn*  
Red Hen Press

A young American writer travels to France to meet and collaborate with Julio Cortázar, hoping to commune with a literary soulmate. Instead, circumstances compromise their brief encounter and she feels unfulfilled by what she knows could have been a more meaningful collaboration. When Julio dies, the writer feels the loss even more, until inexplicable signs lead her to believe that their relationship has not ended. She becomes obsessed with "finding" Julio. Ultimately the writer's search for the door that will open between two worlds leads her to the brink of madness and to the strange, joyous climax of her seemingly impossible quest.

*Entering the Ghost River: Meditations on the Theory and Practice of Healing*  
Hand to Hand

At the exact moment the World Trade Center towers were hit, Metzger and others were at an ancient, sacred site in Masvingo, Africa, being initiated as healers. In this book, two stories intersect, one headed toward destruction, the other toward healing. Metzger asks the question: How do

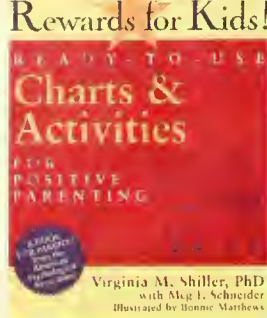
we create a story with a real future in which all beings are sustained? She brings her knowledge and experience of healing body and soul to the issues of healing community, both locally and globally, showing us how the web of interconnection contains the possibility of healing.

**Lee Ryan Miller '90**

When not traveling, Miller teaches at California State University–Stanislaus and Modesto Junior College.

*Confessions of a Recovering Realist*  
AuthorHouse

In this novel, Miller points out the imperfections he finds in the realist theory, which has been the dominating theory in the study of international relations for more than half a century. Additionally, Miller identifies a number of phenomena that realism does not explain, such as the development of the European Union, the phenomenon of 'democratic peace,' and the economic success of democratic states. Miller suggests a neoliberal theory of international relations to replace the widely accepted realist theory.



*Democratic Efficiency: Inequality, Representation, and Public Policy Outputs in the United States and Worldwide*  
AuthorHouse

Miller demonstrates that the most successful countries in the world use decentralized decision-making processes, a characteristic of democracies. Part I of the book draws from writings on a wide range of fields to show that the more equally distributed power is in society, the more government policy can maximize aggregate social welfare. The section also provides cross-national statistical evidence in support of the theory of democratic efficiency. Part II focuses on the United States Congress, presenting a close look at the life of a member of the House of Representatives.

**Lisa Mulcahy '86**

Mulcahy is a theater teacher, director, performer, and multimedia writer. She was cowriter and stage director of the hit Off-Broadway musical *Renegade Sluts on Bikes* and was directed by Edward Albee in his play *Malcolm*.

*Theater Festivals: Best Worldwide Venues for New Works*  
Allworth Press

This handbook for anyone seeking to get new work seen and heard covers more than 50 of the world's top theater festivals and reveals everything an artist needs to know to participate in them.

It provides tips for selecting festivals that are best suited to specific work; which festivals are performance-driven, fringe, or playwright-oriented; which draw producers with the deepest pockets; and which draw the biggest crowds. Included are war stories from festival veterans and tips for staying on a budget, getting funding, and effective self-promotion.

**Neil Petchers '80**

Petchers is senior vice president and general manager of a leading energy services company.

*Combined Heating, Cooling, and Power Handbook: Technologies and Applications*  
The Fairmont Press

In today's energy market and public policy environment, conditions are such that economic gains can be achieved by making sound energy and environment-efficiency decisions. This book is a "how to" manual for using energy and environmental efficiency as a means to be more economical and profitable. It explains relevant topics in detail, such as heat and power, the energy industry infrastructure, the wide range of technologies, and environmental considerations.

**Jenny H. Pulsipher, Ph.D. '99**

Pulsipher is an assistant professor of history at Brigham Young University.

*Subjects unto the Same King: Indians, English, and the Contest of Authority in Colonial New England*  
University of Pennsylvania Press

Land ownership was not the sole reason for conflict between Indians and English. Pulsipher writes in *Subjects unto the Same King*, a book that cogently redefines the relationship between Indians and colonists in seventeenth-century New England. Rather, the story was much more complicated—and much more interesting. It is a tale of two divided cultures, but also of a host of individuals, groups, colonies, and nations, all of whom used the struggle between and within Indian and English communities to promote their own authority.

**Chris Rhomberg '83**  
Rhomberg is assistant professor of sociology at Yale University.

*No There There: Race, Class, and Political Community in Oakland*  
University of California Press

Challenged by Ku Klux Klan action in the 1920s, labor protests in the 1940s, and the rise of the civil rights and black power struggles of the 1960s, Oakland, California, seems to encapsulate the broad and varied sweep of urban social movements in twentieth-century America. Taking Oakland as a case study of urban politics and society in the United States, Rhomberg examines the city's successive episodes of popular insurgency for what they can tell us about critical discontinuities in the American experience of urban political community.

**Samuel Rosenberg '70**  
Rosenberg is a professor of economics and director of the honors program at Roosevelt University, Chicago.

*American Economic Development Since 1945*  
Palgrave Macmillan

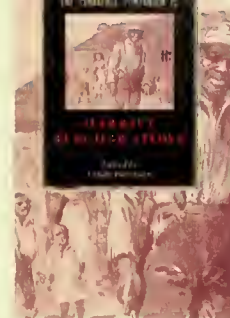
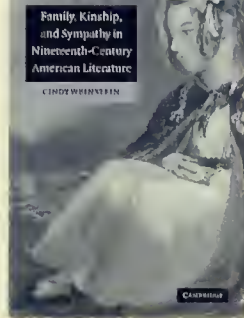
This clearly written study presents a historical analysis of the economic development of the United States since 1945, clarifying the nation's current economic position. The chronologically-based narrative examines three postwar phases: the creation of an institutional framework, which sets the stage for prosperity in the United States after World War II; the forces that undermined this framework at the end of the 1960s; and the recreation of a new institutional structure in the 1980s, which paved the way for the economic expansion in the following decade.

**Jeffrey J. Roth, M.D. '88**  
with William B. Hughes.  
Roth is a plastic, reconstructive, and cosmetic surgeon. He practices in his hometown of Las Vegas, Nevada.

*The Essential Burn Unit Handbook*  
Quality Medical Publishing

The burn patient represents a significant challenge to the clinician. Annually, there are an estimated 1.4 to 2.0 million burn injuries and 10,000 burn-related deaths. This practical guide covers the spectrum of burn care, from initial assessment and treatment to the long-term sequelae. It is recommended for use by the physician





carings for this often critically injured patient population, and as a practical guide for all health care personnel engaged in the treatment of burn patients.

**(Steven) Wade Rubenstein '86**

Rubenstein lives in Rhinebeck, New York.

*Gullboy*  
A Novel: *The Inconceivable Life of Franco Pajarito Zanpa*  
Counterpoint Press

A month into the rocky marriage of Ernesto Zanpa and Venus Rojo, Ernesto discovers a baby in a seagull's nest near their Brighton Beach bungalow. No ordinary baby, the boy has wing-like arms and a soft sheen of white feathers. Despite these peculiarities, Ernesto is drawn to this "gullboy," and decides, against Venus's wishes, to raise the foundling as his own. A tragicomic story in the tradition of Kafka, Cervantes, and John Kennedy Toole, *Gullboy* is a story about mistaking the best in ourselves for the worst and vice versa.

**Virginia Shiller '75**

Shiller is a licensed clinical psychologist specializing in child and family therapy. She is currently a lecturer at the Yale Child Study Center and has a private practice. Dr. Shiller lives with her husband and two sons in New Haven, Connecticut.

*Rewards for Kids! Ready to Use Charts and Activities for Positive Listening*  
APA Life Tools

Finding a way to encourage children to behave well without resorting to scolding, threats, or bribery is a parent's number one challenge. In this helpful guide, an experienced psychologist and child-development expert explains why it works to "catch them doing something good." Reward, not bribery, is the key. The guide includes child-friendly sticker charts and other tools to help children improve their behavior. In clear, easy steps, parents will learn creative ways to change their children's problem behavior.

**Elaine Showalter '64**

Showalter is a professor of English and Avalon Foundation Professor of the Humanities at Princeton University.

*Alcott: Little Women, Little Men, Jo's Boys*  
The Library of America

Showalter is the editor for this collection of Alcott's beloved books, *Little Women*, *Little Men*, and *Jo's Boys*. At first, Louisa May Alcott doubted her abilities to write a girl's book. She "never liked girls or knew many, except [her] sisters." Yet, she used experiences from her childhood with her sisters to write a series of novels that catapulted her to fame and fortune in her own time, and the series has remained among the most beloved works in American literature. Showalter compiles the complete series in an authoritative single-volume edition.

**Myron Uhlberg '55**

Uhlberg is the author of such acclaimed books as *Flying over Brooklyn* and *The Printer*. The hearing son of two deaf parents, he currently lives in Palm Springs with his wife.

*Dad, Jackie, and Me*  
Illustrated by Colin Bootman  
Peachtree Publishers

Inspired by Uhlberg's own childhood experiences growing up in Brooklyn, this heartwarming and educational book is the story of the emotional link between professional baseball and one family's struggle over prejudice. With full illustrations, the book portrays a young boy in New York in 1947 who learns about discrimination and tolerance as he and his deaf father share their enthusiasm over baseball and the Dodgers's new first baseman, Jackie Robinson.

**Cindy Weinstein '82**

Weinstein is an associate professor of English at the California Institute of Technology. She focuses her research on 19th-century American literature and culture.

*Family, Kinship, and Sympathy in Nineteenth-Century American Literature*  
Cambridge University Press

This study demonstrates the aesthetic and political complexities of 19th-century sentimental literature. Weinstein argues that this genre is more complex than critics have suggested. Instead of affirming the power of the bourgeois family, Weinstein explains that sentimental fictions used the destruction of the biological family as an opportunity to reform the family in terms of love instead of blood-ties. The texts she follows discuss slavery, domestic reform, and other social issues of the time.

*The Cambridge Companion to Harriet Beecher Stowe*, ed.  
Cambridge University Press

This collection of specially commissioned essays, edited by Weinstein, gives new direction for scholarly and classroom discussion of Stowe's writing and life. The work provides new insights on the widely read *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, in addition to topics of interest, such as Stowe's portrayal of race, her attitude toward reform, and her relationship with the American novel. The new volume includes a thorough chronology of Stowe's life and a supplemental guide for further reading.

**D. Kelly Weisberg '71, Ph.D. '76**

Weisberg is a professor of law at the University of California's Hastings College of the Law and the author of several books on family law, children law, and feminist legal theory.

## Staff

*The Birth of Surrogacy in Israel*  
University Press of Florida

A revolutionary law on surrogate motherhood catapulted Israel to the forefront of public attention as the only country where surrogacy is government-sponsored and government-supervised. This book examines the social forces that contributed to the law. It documents the clash between religious groups, which paradoxically favored the law, and feminist groups, which opposed it. The book assesses the new law, discusses what other countries can learn from it, and explores the implications for the role of law and religion in the changing definition of the family.

## Kevin King

King is assistant director of the English as a Second Language Program. He is a published poet, and this is his first novel.

*All the Stars Came Out That Night*  
Dutton

This wild, manic novel set during the Great Depression careens across the country, from the bleak poverty of the Dust Bowl to the dreamlike glare of the California sun, gathering together the stories of the era's legends as they head for the greatest baseball game never (officially) played. Famed attorney Clarence Darrow finds himself the unwilling traveling companion of two would-be kidnappers intending to snatch pitcher Dizzy Dean. Upon meeting Dean at Henry Ford's mansion, Darrow joins his efforts to integrate baseball for one single night.

## Recordings

### Elaine Comparone '65

Comparone is the founder-director of Harpsichord Unlimited, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the harpsichord, its history, and its music.

*Il Parnaso Confuso: Comic Opera in One-Act*  
Albany Records

This is the first complete recording of Christoph Willibad Gluck's charming one-act *serenata teatrale* (1765) for chamber orchestra and four treble voices, composed for the marriage of Hapsburg Archduke Joseph. Rudolph Palmer conducts the Queen's Chamber Band and a superb cast, and John Ostendorf recorded the music at the American Academy of Arts and Letters in New York City. The album was sponsored by MEF, Inc.

## Brandeis University Press

*Princess or Prisoner? Jewish Women in Jerusalem, 1840-1914*  
Margalit Shilo

This is a fascinating journey into the world of women in the ultra-Orthodox Jewish community of Jerusalem toward the end of the Ottoman rule in the Holy Land. Shilo sheds new light on female society of the time, a subject nearly untouched by historians. The author weaves together the threads that made up the world of these women, including the experience of immigration to the land of Israel, marriage, the family unit, economic and philanthropic activities, and female scholarship.

*Jews of South Florida*  
Andrea Greenbaum, ed.

Between 1940 and 1970, thousands of Jews moved to South Beach, Florida, and created a rich Yiddish culture on the shores of the Atlantic. Today, these "snowbirds" are just one group in what has become an increasingly diverse Jewish population. This book offers a history of the development of Jewish life in the region from its modest start at the end of the 19th century to today. With more than 130 historical and contemporary photographs, this unique collection offers a fascinating look at a tenacious Jewish community.





# Alumni Spotlight

**Len Asper '86**

**Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada**



Major:  
Politics

Favorite Professor:  
Robert Art

Toughest Class:  
Logic

Favorite Campus Spot:  
The Stein

Most Memorable  
Brandeis Moment:  
Playing hockey as  
team captain in front  
of a thousand cheering  
fans during the play-  
offs

Leonard Asper is CEO of CanWest Global Communications Corp.—Canada's leading international media company, which owns television stations, newspapers, and billboards throughout Canada, as well as in Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, and the United Kingdom. His Brandeis education gave him skills that translate beautifully across any number of borders, and all over the business world.

"My Brandeis education comes into play every day," he says. "To run a company, you've got to pull from many sources. You've got to be well-rounded, to be able to communicate, write, read, and think critically.

"If you know just one subject, you'll be narrow-cast. I'm still grateful for the distribution requirements at Brandeis, and for the writing courses I took. A background in the humanities is an ideal preparation for management: it opens the door to the top of a profession."

## The Last of the Pioneers

"The Last of the Pioneers" returned to campus for four days, May 19-22, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation from Brandeis. The name, by which the Class of '55 has been known over the years, stems from the fact that their arrival at the young University, in 1951, provided Brandeis with four classes on campus, from freshmen to seniors, for the first time.

As if in answer to many prayers, the rain that had plagued the area for most of May relented as those attending Reunion

about the past, and catch up with the present. The tent lights, cut off on two occasions, proved entirely reliable once the host was informed that he could not plug three coffee urns into the same outlet. Reunion cochairs Susan Mandel Prusky and Phyllis Ostrow Hurwitz, who had earlier committed to prepare the food for what was expected to be a small crowd of about 35 alums and spouses for a "welcome back" dinner, came through nevertheless, aided at the last minute by a few classmates, with more than enough delicacies and

at the Faculty Club. It was then that Mel Nash, after thanking his fund-raising committee for its marvelous effort and the results achieved, presented President Reinharz with a huge cardboard check in an amount exceeding 1.3 million dollars. (Mel promised that a smaller paper check would be forthcoming when he returned from his recently arranged around-the-world, four-month vacation). President Reinharz accepted it with his thanks and immediately assigned a staff person to stay with Mel at all times.

Following the dinner, Burt Rosen took over as master of ceremonies for the program of entertainment he had produced. The Class first got to see on film many nostalgic scenes from the "Reunion of the Fifties" that took place in Los Angeles in 1991. (The highlight of that earlier Reunion was the show that Burt produced and directed for the attending from all graduating classes of the 1950s.) Bob Weintraub followed the film with a couple of comedy monologues, and the feature presentation of the evening was the singing and dancing of "The Voices of Brandeis," a group assembled and directed by the Brandeis theater arts department. The Class applauded heartily as a series of very familiar show tunes were given new lyrics that recounted Brandeis history and events over the years.

Another welcome event that evening was the presence of Carl Schwartzman at the dinner. Extremely ill, Carl wanted to see his classmates again and had the chance to speak to many who visited his table during the festivities. Sadly, Carl passed away a month later.

After another round of activities during the day on Saturday, including a celebration of the lives and honoring of the memories of the 29 classmates who had passed away, the Class of '55 was the guest of the University at the annual honorary degree recipients dinner that night. There they had the opportunity to learn more about the lives of those Brandeis had chosen to honor this year, including Massachusetts Congressman Edward Markey, who told those assembled in Levin Ballroom that he had achieved what many mothers hope and dream for their children by finding and marrying a Jewish doctor.

Finally, to cap its memorable Reunion, virtually all of the returning class members donned robes and mortarboards for Commencement on Sunday and marched into the Gosman Center along with the University's newest graduates.

"It was an absolutely marvelous time," said one of "The Last of the Pioneers." "We may just decide to come back here again next year and do our 50<sup>th</sup> all over again."

— Ty Deeson

assembled from all over the United States and several foreign countries. The break in the weather enabled classmates to gather under a tent, graciously supplied by the University, at the home of Sandy and Bob Weintraub on Thursday evening. There they were able to meet and greet each other, reminisce with friends

desserts to serve over 90 delighted guests. Mel Nash, class gift chair, showed his versatility by supplying the wine that helped put everyone in the wonderful mood that dominated the evening and set the tone for the days that followed.

On Friday evening, after a variety of daytime activities, the Class assembled again for cocktails and dinner







Earle Kazis, President Reinharz,  
Sherry Gorbach, and Mel Nash



Sandra Leibowitz Israel, Ruth Saltzman  
Albert, and Marilyn Perlmutter



Judy and Earle Kazis



Eugene and Marsha Levy Monosson



Dolores Kohl and  
Phyllis Ostrow Hurwitz

## A Leader in Higher Education

Despite the fact that there is still no white space on her calendar after 12 months on the job, Dr. Selma Botman '73, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at The City University of New York (CUNY) found an hour to talk with me about the ways that her Brandeis experience shaped her life and her career.

"My formative years were spent there," said Botman who grew up in Chelsea,



Selma Botman '73

Mass, a city of immigrants where the local bank had a sign in Polish saying, "We speak Polish." Brandeis transformed Botman. "I went from being a very parochial child to a budding academic there," she said. Describing the faculty as inspirational, she remembered fondly that her introduction to Karl Marx came around a coffee cup shared with graduate and undergraduate students on campus. "We sat at dining tables and argued politics," said Botman who describes herself as someone who came of age when the Vietnam War was raging and the women's movement was building.

The middle child and only daughter of an immigrant father who got off the boat in Boston and settled only five miles away in Chelsea, Botman absorbed her love of learning from her parents who never attended college. It is remarkable that all three of the Botman siblings hold Ph.D.s and all have Harvard degrees, her younger brother a bachelors and her old brother a masters. Botman took a Ph.D. at Harvard in Middle Eastern History, after receiving a B.Phil. from Oxford, where she studied with Professor Albert Hourani, the doyenne of Middle East History.

Botman first met her husband Tom Birmingham, a labor union lawyer, former President of the Massachusetts State Senate, and a candidate for governor there in 2002, when she was fifteen. They have been together ever since. After high school, Botman took a year off and traveled to Israel. "I knew Chelsea was too small," she said, "and

the only place my parents would let me go was Israel." She spent six months in a kibbutz on the Golan Heights. When she returned, committed to Middle East Studies, she attended the University of Massachusetts at Amherst for one year, before transferring to Brandeis.

Botman majored in psychology at Brandeis and worked 15-hours-a-week as an assistant to Rabbi Al Axelrod. By her senior year, however, her interests had shifted to history. When boyfriend Tom Birmingham won a Rhodes scholarship to Oxford, Botman visited him there. "I made an appointment with Hourani and I said to him: My dream is to study with you." That is exactly what she wound up doing, followed by graduate work at Harvard where her doctoral research on illegal Communist and socialist parties in Egypt led to her first book, *The Rise of Egyptian Communism: 1939-1970*, published in 1988. Two other books followed: *From Independence to Revolution: Egypt, 1922-1952*, published in 1991, and *Engendering Citizenship in Egypt*, published in 1999.

Botman taught at the College of the Holy Cross for nine years and was the Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Massachusetts for seven before being wooed by CUNY. As the chief academic officer in CUNY, a system with 19 colleges, Botman's responsibilities are vast including new degree programs, faculty hiring, and diversity initiatives.

At CUNY for one year, she is clear on several major goals: deepening the research culture at CUNY; establishing a teacher's

academy modeled on the CUNY Honors College to transform the way teachers are prepared; and rethinking undergraduate education. Deeply engaged in the CUNY Honors College that brings high ranking students to the university, she is also working on a Black Male Initiative whose purpose is to increase options for African American males in higher education, and on a nursing initiative that seeks to train more nursing professors who can produce more nurses for NYC. This fall, Botman will even find time to return to the classroom, co-teaching a Middle East Studies seminar with a colleague, Beth Baron, from City College.

It's a remarkably busy schedule for a woman who still commutes several weekends a month to Chelsea to check on her 82-year-old mother Gertrude and to cook a week's worth of meals for her. Botman describes herself as "joined at the hip" to her daughters, Erica, 23 a senior at Harvard and Megan, 20, a junior at Bates. Years ago, at a Brandeis alumni event, Botman met Leslie A. Zebrowitz, a psychology professor with whom Botman studied when the woman was a new Ph.D. "She was an incredible teacher, a writer and a mother," said Botman, and "she proved to me that I could be an academic and a mother. I told her so that day."

--Roslyn Laufgraben  
Bernstein '63  
Professor of English/  
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Director of Sidney Harman  
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## Faculty-in-the-Field

Faculty from campus traveled across the country this spring to speak with alumni at several Faculty-in-the-Field gatherings hosted by local Alumni Clubs. For more information about upcoming events in your area, please check the alumni website at: <http://alumni.brandeis.edu> or email [alumni@brandeis.edu](mailto:alumni@brandeis.edu) or call the Office of Alumni Relations at 781-736-4100 or 800-333-1948.

### Alumni Club of Baltimore

Barbara Kirsner Berg '76 hosted alumni for a program on May 25 with David Cunningham, associate professor of Sociology. Professor Cunningham led a discussion on "Social Protest and FBI Counterintelligence, "a key topic in his new book, *There's Something Happening Here: The New Left, the Klan, and the FBI*.

### Alumni Club of Long Island

Gordon Fellman, Professor of Sociology and Chair, Peace, Conflict and Coexistence Studies Program, spoke about "Real Men and Real Social Change: What is it to be 'Man Enough' Anyway?" at the home of Barry '78 and Bonnie Epstein.

### Alumni Club of New York City

On March 2 Pulitzer prize winner, David Hackett Fischer, University Professor and Earl Warren Professor of History, spoke to an overflow crowd of alumni and friends at Brandeis House. The event was hosted by Danny Lehrman '64.

Thomas Doherty, Associate Professor of Film Studies (on the Sam Spiegel Fund) and Chair, Film Studies Program, spoke at Brandeis House on April 19. His topic was "Censoring Hollywood: Joseph I. Breen and the Production Code Administration, 1934-1954."

### Alumni Club of Northern California

On June 2 the Club welcomed Dan Kryder, associate professor of politics and director of graduate studies, for a discussion on "Police and Civil Rights in American History." Lisa Tartikoff Rosenthal '73 hosted the event at her home in Burlingame.

### Alumni Club of Northern New Jersey

Susan '66 and Ed Levinson hosted Robert J. Art, Christian A. Herter Professor of International Relations, at their home on April 17. Professor Art's talk was entitled, "Why is the United States So Hated in the World and What Can We Do About It?"

### Alumni Club of Philadelphia

Peter Petri, the Dean of the International Business School and Carl J. Shapiro Professor of International Finance, met with alumni and guests at a brunch hosted by David Allon '81. Dean Petri's topic was "The Shifting Center of the World Economy: What Does It Mean to Us?"

### Alumni Club of Southern California

A frequent speaker at alumni club events this spring, Thomas Doherty spoke at a brunch on May 15 hosted by Laurie Slater Albert '74.

### Alumni Club of Toronto

The club hosted Andreas Teuber, associate professor of philosophy, at the home of Anne Stilman '78. The discussion centered on "The Care We Owe to our Neighbors: What Do Princess Di and Jodi Foster Have in Common?"

### Alumni Club of Washington, D.C.

Thomas Doherty spoke at an alumni event hosted by Ira '69 and Nancy Sherman '69 Shapiro at their home in Potomac, Maryland on March 13.

Alumnae display several of David Hackett Fischer's books at Brandeis House during his visit.



Left to Right: Dan Greenstein; Laura Moskowitz Greenstein '80; Scott Edmiston, Director of the Office of the Arts at Brandeis; Linda Moskowitz Drozdow '80; and Gil Drozdow '79 at the Alumni Club of South Florida's May 2005 Faculty-in-the-Field event.

## Can-Do Nash

**"I don't know that if I hadn't been blind I would have accomplished what I have,"**

Want to motivate Mel Nash? Easy. Tell him he can't do something.

Tell him a blind kid can't go to college in the early 1950s. Tell him a blind man can't operate a successful construction business. Tell him a middle-aged blind man can't go to law school, graduate at the age of 48, and then establish a thriving practice.

Nash, who graduated from Brandeis in 1955, has risen to meet every challenge since losing much of his sight at the age of 10 after contracting spinal meningitis. Nash had some sight – he was classified as "legally blind" – until 1980. He has been completely blind since.

"I don't know that if I hadn't been blind I would have accomplished what I have," Nash said during an interview in his Brookline law office.

The lessons he learned as a child from his parents, Leo and Libby, and at Brandeis have stayed with him – commitment, dedication, and perseverance. He learned, most importantly, that blindness is a condition, not a way of life.

Nash remembers, as if it were yesterday, a conversation he had with Brandeis basketball coach Harry Stein in the spring of 1952. The words have served as a guide for the 72-year-old for more than a half-century.

Nash approached the coach and asked whether he could serve as manager of Stein's team. "He said to me, 'Why

shouldn't you be?' " Nash recalled. "I pointed out that I was legally blind, and he said, 'Nash, just get the job done, I don't care how.' "

Nash grabbed hold of his Brandeis experience with both hands. In addition to serving as basketball team manager, he was the treasurer of the Student Council. He pursued the academic and social opportunities on campus with equal vigor.

"Brandeis was a turning point in my life," Nash said. "It was 'Just get the job done.' It was perfect for me, the best four years of my life."

After graduation, he was prepared to head to Princeton University to

## Alumni Clubs

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study economics. Instead, he and his brother borrowed some money from their father, a junk dealer, and started a business in Pittsfield, fabricating steel superstructures for buildings throughout the Northeast.

In 1978, Nash and his brother decided to close the successful business and pursue other opportunities. Nash chose to go to law school. At one prospective school, a professor asked him how a blind man could expect to graduate from law school. Nash's characteristically blunt answer: "If you don't understand that, I don't think I want to go to your law school."

Nash matriculated at Boston College Law School in the fall of 1979, a time when many of the accommodations now in

place for students with disabilities did not exist. He not only persevered, he flourished. At the request of the dean, he wrote a book, "The Blind Student's Guide to the Study of Law," which was distributed to law schools nationwide. He received a standing ovation at graduation.

Then, for the first time in his life, Nash had trouble finding his way. "I was just out of law school, walking around with a guide dog, and no one would hire me," Nash said.

Nash finally talked his way into a job with a firm in Boston with the proviso that he would only be paid

if he could bring in business. He eventually left to open his own construction law practice, representing many of his former business competitors. After 20 years in Boston, he moved his office to Brookline in 2001.

He also teaches construction law at Suffolk Law School, and has taught at BC Law School and the Boston Architectural Center.

The Brookline resident and father of five has no plans to stop working. "I'm going to work until I feel like I don't have control of all my marbles," he said. "I have seen too many guys stay too long."

Although he left Brandeis 50 years ago, Brandeis has never left Nash. He speaks with other members of the Class of '55 weekly.

"We happen to have had a unique class," said Nash, who served as gift cochairman for his class. "We were like brothers and sisters then, and it has gotten better over the years. When I finish a conversation with one of my classmates, it ends with 'I love you.' We were a very close class."

Nash helped lead a fundraising drive that collected more than \$1.4 million from his fellow classmates on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion.

—David Nathan

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## Gala Reception and Dinner





**Leadership  
Reception**



**Reunion Welcome  
Reception**



**Ralph Norman  
Barbecue**





## Class Photos







## Reunion Weekend, June 9-11, 2005

A record number of alumni returned to campus including members from the Classes of 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, and 2000, and their families and friends. Friday provided an opportunity to relive those college days as alumni returned for exchanges with faculty at Alumni College during the day, and visits with fellow classmates at the Welcome Reception and individual class activities on Friday evening. Saturday was filled with fun and

surprises at the annual Ralph Norman Barbecue Saturday afternoon, tours of the campus and Boston area later in the day, and an evening Gala celebration that had alumni dancing late into the night. After a period of remembrance at the Memorial Service, Reunion Weekend ended on a musical note at the Farewell Champagne Jazz Brunch on Sunday. To view more photos from Reunion 2005, please visit the Reunion website at: <http://alumni.brandeis.edu/web/reunions/2005/index.html>.

Reunion Committees from the classes of 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995 and 2000 worked hard to raise gifts from their classmates to honor each of their Reunions. The final combined Reunion gift total from all of the classes was \$4,337,062.90. Individual Reunion Class Gift records were set by the Class of 1955 for dollars raised by a 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Class at \$1,428,621 and the Class of 1990 for dollars raised by a 15<sup>th</sup> Reunion Class at \$143,559.

Reunion Committee Chairs from each of the classes were: Phyllis Ostrow Hurwitz '55, Susan Mandel Prusky '55; Joan Silverman Wallack '60, Milt Wallack '60, Clem Cohen '60; Steve Mora '65; Jane Klein Bright '70; Michael Baumrin '75, Herb Tobin '75; Janis Boyarsky Schiff '80; Dan Blumenthal '85, Jim Felton '85; Steve Levine '90, Andy Zeitlin '90; Seth Schiffman '95; Galette Levin '00.

## Alumni College 2005: Mapping the Future

Enthusiastic alumni and friends of the University gathered on campus for Brandeis University's annual Alumni College, which was held on June 10, in conjunction with Reunion Weekend. Alumni College is a daylong academic adventure for Brandeis graduates, their families, and friends of the University. This year's program, Mapping the Future, featured classes with Brandeis faculty members who addressed important issues in today's news including economics, sociology, Jewish history, business and technology, psychology and the arts.

Morning classes included a presentation by Scott Edmiston, Director of the Office of the Arts. This class discussed the world of the performing arts, and how actors, dancers, choreographers, directors, and playwrights influence

American and world performing arts now and in the future. Samuel B. Lane Professor of American Jewish History and Culture and Professor of Women's Studies, Joyce Antler '63, explored the contradictory representations of immigrant mothers in popular and political culture in her class entitled Revisiting 'My Yiddeshe Mama': Exploring the Representations of Immigrant Mothers in Popular Culture and Real Life.

Jordan Pollack, Associate Professor of Computer Science and Volen National Center for Complex Systems led an intriguing class on Evolution versus Creationism in the Information Age. Professor Pollack discussed how computing science may help resolve this debate, using tools that were not available in Darwin's age. Professor of Economics Stephen Cecchetti focused his class on The Budget Deficit, the Trade Deficit, and the Value of the Dollar: The Causes

and Consequences of the U.S. Borrowing \$2 Billion a Day from Foreigners.

After everyone enjoyed their lunches in the Atrium of the Carl and Ruth Shapiro Campus Center, they returned to the classroom for the afternoon. Jonathan Sarna '75, Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History led a dynamic discussion pertaining to the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Jewish Community. Sarna took his audience on a journey through the history of Judaism and the 350 year odyssey of an old faith in the new world. Professor of Sociology and Women's Studies Karen V. Hansen offered a fascinating dialogue based on her new book *Not-So-Nuclear Families: Class, Gender, and Networks of Care*. Professor Hansen discussed the lives of working parents and the informal networks they

construct to help care for their children.

The day wrapped up with a discussion of the Science of Happiness with Assistant Professor of Psychology, Derek M. Isaacowitz. Professor Isaacowitz contemplated the roots of happiness, recent scientific evidence on why some people are happier than others, and what is known about the development of happiness. Benjamin Gomes-Casseres '76, Associate Professor of International Business and Director of the M.B.A.i Program at the International Business School, led his audience in a discussion about Profits and Principles: Leadership in a Global Age. He raised thought provoking questions about what principles and values can guide us in this age of rising globalization.

Alumni College 2006 will be held on Friday June 9, 2006. Stay tuned for more information.



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## Class Notes

Information submitted to Class Notes will appear no sooner than six months after its receipt by the Office of Development and Alumni Relations. Due to space limitations, we usually are unable to print lists of classmates who attend each other's weddings or other functions. News of marriages and births are included in separate listings by class. Factual verification of every class note is not possible. If an inaccurate submission is published, the Brandeis Review will correct any errors in the next possible issue, but must disclaim responsibility for any damage or loss.

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**Bob Mayer** and his wife, Joanne, have lived in the same house in San Jose, California, since 1968, which he suspects may be a record for Brandeis graduates. They have four children and five grandchildren, all of whom live within reasonable driving distance and yet, to Bob's delight and astonishment, still talk to him (his words). After retiring from computer engineering, the Reverend Bob continued to assist at a nearby Episcopal church and to serve as chaplain at the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. Bob likes to ski, and, while he's determined to stay fit, he's decided that after running nine marathons he didn't need to run a tenth. We'd love to hear from more members of the Class of '54.

### 1955

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The Class of 1955 sends its deepest thanks to Susan Mandel Prusky and Phyllis Ostrow Hurwitz for chairing a memorable weekend of reminiscing and strengthening friendship. With pride in the Brandeis of today, we recalled the early years that were filled with learning, social action, and creativity. One special feature



Bob Mayer '54

of the weekend was that Carl Schwartzman and his wife, Misty '58, joined us. Carl knew that he was very ill with little hope of recovery, yet he was his charming, witty, thoughtful self. Many of us were able to greet him and now we all say goodbye to a distinguished member of the Class of '55. Carl died on June 20, but he will always be in our hearts and class pictures—Judy Aronson. Sylvia Haft Firschein writes, "I have retired and live in Sarasota, FL. As copresident of the Alumni Club of West Coast Florida, I invite all who visit Sarasota to contact me (westflorida@alumni.brandeis.edu) so we can include you at our events." Ruth Saltzman Albert writes, "In January of 2004 I chaired a national award-winning seminar on organ donation at the Naples Community Hospital in Florida. The award, presented to the Collier County Chapter of the Florida Central Region, was for 'Excellence in Health Programs.' The main speakers, from Life Alliance Organ Recovery Agency at the University of Miami, addressed the first hour to medical professionals and the following three-and-a-half hours to the general public. Other participants were organ recipients and their family members, clergymen representing various faiths, and a mother who had donated her deceased son's organs." Norma Schneider writes, "I have been living in Israel since 1970, after having worked in the 'Jewish' field in my last two American jobs: organizer and administrator of the Commentary Library (a Jewish book club), and director of magazine and book promotion of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (reform movement). One might say that my identity as a

committed Jew, which began before I went to Brandeis, informed my career choices even before I decided to cast my lot with the people of Israel. All this even though I didn't take any courses in Jewish subjects at Brandeis and even dropped Hebrew at the strong suggestion of Wolf Leslau because my level was too low even for the beginners' class (which meant that I had to start learning it from scratch when I came to live in Israel). In Israel, I worked as director of publications, first for the Israel National Academy of Sciences and Humanities, and then for the Harry S. Truman Research Institute of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, after which I had my own small business as an editor and literary agent for scholars in Israel who wished to publish abroad. Since retiring, I have returned with a vengeance to making ceramics, which I did for one year before making aliyah and always said I would do when I had the time. I have also been taking master's courses in English and American Literature at Hebrew University. I also travel a fair amount, not only to the United States where my entire family resides, but to Europe (including a three-week trip to Croatia, where I took a one-week wooden sailboat cruise and then traveled the country south to north by bus, on my own, meeting quite a few interesting people on my trip and having a wonderful time). I've been in touch with Sylvia Haft Firschein and Risa Hirsch Levine, Sylvia because we were close in Roosevelt House and for a few years afterward (until she went to live in Israel, which I didn't know), and Risa because hers was one of if not the only "report" that sounded like it came from a person I could identify with, partly because she spoke of her "ups and downs," and not only about her "ups," and partly because we both do ceramics. The aging process? It goes on, and that's good since the alternative is less attractive. I try not to pay too much attention to it, except when doctors ask me what I expect at my age when I ask them about things that are troubling me. Also, as I get older, I seem to take things in a more relaxed manner, which I really appreciate."

### 1956

**50th Reunion**  
May 19-21, 2006  
Leona Feldman Curhan, Class Correspondent, 366 River Road, Carlisle, MA 01741 1956notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

### 1957

Wynne Wolkenberg Miller, Class Correspondent, 14 Larkspur Road, Waban, MA 02468 1957notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Happy Fall, a beautiful time of year here in New England. Enjoy every day, and send me your news – Wynne.

### 1958

Judith Brecher Borakove, Class Correspondent, 10 East End Avenue, #2-F, New York, NY 10021 1958notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

### 1959

Sunny Sunshine Brownrout, Class Correspondent, 87 Old Hill Road, Westport, CT 06880 1959notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

### 1960

Joan Silverman Wallack, Class Correspondent, 28 Linden Shores, #28, Branford, CT 06405 1960notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Our class held a memorable and very successful reunion this past June. There was a great sense of reconnecting and sharing of experiences, highlighted by a Saturday afternoon discussion about how members of our class have made a difference in their respective communities, following in the Brandeis tradition of Social Justice. Other highlights included an evening of pizza, beer and folksinging – another Brandeis tradition from the 50's. The Saturday night Caribbean Dinner/Dance for all classes together was also very special. We also enjoyed programs with Brandeis faculty and noted alumni, as well as an update on the state of The University by

President Reinharz. Our class gift of over \$555,000, was the second highest 45th Reunion gift in Brandeis history, with almost 100% participation by those in attendance. Plans are already under way for our 50th Reunion and we invite everyone's participation to make this an extraordinary celebration. Please continue to send in information about yourself for the next Review so that we may be continuously in touch – Joan. **Alan Sidman** and his wife, Sharman, became first-time grandparents in March 2005 with the birth of twins, Julia and Charles, thanks to their daughter, Stella, and her husband, Todd. Alan retired from teaching in June 2004. Sharman continues to teach at LIU while pursuing her Ph.D. in linguistics at CUNY Graduate Center.

### 1961

**45th Reunion**  
June 9-11, 2006  
Judith Leavitt Schatz, Class Correspondent, 139 Cumberland Road, Leominster, MA 01453 1961notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

### 1962

Ann Leder Sharon, Class Correspondent, 13890 Ravenwood Drive, Saratoga, CA 95070 1962notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Judith Glatzer Wechsler** co-curated an exhibition of Rachel, a 19th century French actress of Jewish origin at the muse d'art et d'histoire du judaisme in Paris. She also directed a film, *Rachel of the Comedie-Francaise*, in coproduction with the Comedie-Francaise. Judith was visiting professor at the Ecole Normale su peirure in Paris.

Class	Brandeis Parent(s)	Child's Name
1975	Susan Rose	Batya Rose
1976	Jonathan Weiss	Kyra Joelle and Michael Charles
1980	Mark Matulef	Samuel Jay, Lydia Rose, and Nora Claire
1981	Bruce Zamost	Zachary Vincent
1982	Ellen Wasserman Goldstein	Max Peretz
1986	Francine Ferraro Rothkopf	Micah Gabriel and Sofia Phoebe Daniella
1987	Steven Roses	Julia Thomas
1988	Jamie Rosenberg Ludwig	Lauren Madison
	Jodi Scher Gast	Leo Rollin
	Cheryl Goren Robins	Liam Harel
1989	Sherri Ettinger	Gabriela Eve
	Eilat L. Gubbay	Daniella Shira Gubbay-Abrams
	Jeanne Korenberg Shapiro	Hailey Leah and Riley Paige
	Jennifer Saxon	Ely Zachary
	David Hyman	Zoe Bayla
1990	Melanie Kopelwitz Applebaum	Lillian Rose and Talya Beth
	Esa Kanter Jaffe and Chaim Jaffe	Ilana Kaplan
	Stella Levy Cohen	Jenna Pearl
	Bari Barton Cooper and Jason Cooper '91	Samuel and Seth
	Yin Yan Leung	Kailee Kiseki
1991	Jessica Berman Wasserman	Jacqueline Corinne
	Heather Eckerling Mandel	Elyse Olivia
	Robert Eber	Ben Asher
	Benjamin Hort	Jacob Ebratt
1992	Eric Cherven	Benjamin Samuel
	Robin Goldstein Hammer	Annelise Judith and Isabelle Mariah
	Sharon Kahn-Bernstein and Lawrence Marc Bernstein	Rebecca Maya
	Ellen Rappaport Tanowitz and Charles Tanowitz	Shoshana
1993	Michelle Yellowitz Shapiro	Kate Daniela
	Emily Eng Kaplan	Riley Emma
	Chad Arthur	Zoe Samantha
1994	Bobbi Brachfeld Bittker and Aric Bittker	Shoshana Leia
	Sharon Kahn-Bernstein and Lawrence Marc Bernstein '92	Rebecca Maya
	Deborah Karmin Rose and Robert Rose '92	Orli Rachel
	Sandra Kirschen Solof and Gregory Solof '95	Nathan Matthew
	Robyn Weltfeld Hartman	Carly Jade
1995	Rachel Zimmerman Brachman	Benjamin Daniel
1996	Nancy Wolf Fellner	Kaylee Renee
	Jeremy Markowitz and Doreen Markowitz	Eli Simon
	Nancy Duke Harris	Alexa Shayna
1997	Elana Horowitz Margolis and Ariel Y. Margolis	Jacob Samuel
	Kerith Lowenkron and Joshua Braunfeld '95 (M.A. '96, International Economics and Finance)	Isaac Ethan
	Romina Tenenbaum Alstodt	Isabella Faye
1998	Abigail Robyn Siegel Schochet and Elie Schochet '97	Noam Simcha
	Samantha Elster Ratner and Joshua Ratner '99	Yael Meredith
	Danielle Raskin Mayes	Madeline Olivia
1999	Deena Zhelezov Freed and Josh Freed '98	Jacob Irving
	Agnes Kazal Pines and Josh Pines '96	Abigail and Ellie
GRAD	James Richard Hughes MA '87, Ph.D. '91	Ian Michael David
	Carole May-Miller MA '95, MMHS '95	Roxanne

We are omitting birthdates from these announcements in respect for privacy concerns expressed by alumni.

## 1963

Miriam Osler Hyman, Class Correspondent, 140 East 72nd Street, #16B, New York, NY 1963notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Lawrence Rosen** was named one of sixteen national recipients of a Carnegie Corporation Scholars Program award. He is also a fellow of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C. (2005-6). Lawrence is the William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Anthropology at Princeton University and adjunct professor of law at Columbia Law School. His newest book, *Law As Culture*, will be published by Princeton University Press.

## 1964

Shelly A. Wolf, Class Correspondent, 113 Naudain Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147 1964notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Marilyn Rosenstock Seymann** was appointed associate dean for external affairs at the College of Law at Arizona State University. Marilyn's background includes leadership roles in government and charitable enterprises in Arizona and nationally, along with executive positions in major businesses and service on corporate boards of directors. Most recently, she was president and CEO of M One, Inc. a business consulting firm based in Tempe, and served previously as associate dean of ASU's business school.

## 1965

Joan Furber Kalafatas, Class Correspondent, 3 Brandywine, Wayland, MA, 01778 1965notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Michael Botchan** is a professor and division head for biochemistry and molecular biology at the University of California Berkeley. **Melanie Rovner Cohen** of Ouarles & Brady LLP in Chicago was recommended by her peers as one of the top lawyers licensed in Illinois. Melanie was recommended by her peers in the area of



**Bankruptcy & Workout Law: Commercial Creditor/Debtor.** She practices in the areas of commercial and corporate law, including secured transactions, bankruptcy and reorganization. Her experience includes representation of the Securities Investors Protection Corporation in the liquidation of a broker-dealer; representation of several not-for-profit rural electric cooperatives in restructuring of their debt to the RUS; representation of debtors, creditors, and creditors' committees in bankruptcy and in restructuring debt in and out of Bankruptcy Court; representation of buyers of assets from distressed companies in or out of bankruptcy; and defense and prosecution of preference and fraudulent conveyance claims. **Marilyn Schuffman Faust** writes, "In March 2003 I founded the firm of Faust Roy Mangold & Fuchs, LLP, concentrating in matrimonial and family law. I have six grandchildren under the age of four."

2004 in Elkridge, MD. The officiant was **Rabbi Steven Schwartz '86**. My husband, **Richard Karpel, Ph.D. '70** and I enjoyed celebrating with fellow Brandeisians from the classes of 1963, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1998, 1999 and 2000." **Sandra Sherman** writes, "I left my position as professor of British literature at the University of Arkansas to become an account executive at Ripp Media in Manhattan. I specialize in PR for major international law firms (I practiced law for several years in Washington, D.C. before becoming an academic)."

## 1968

David Greenwald, Class Correspondent, 3655 Aquetong Road, Carversville, PA 18913 1968notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Jay Kaufman** (M.A. '73, Comparative History) was elected to his sixth term in the Massachusetts House of Representatives and appointed chair of the Committee on Public Service. He is also directing a new Center for Leadership and Public Life at Northeastern University, developing professional development and leadership training programs for community, local, and state leaders, and the press that covers public policy issues. **Ron Kronish** writes, "Amy Kronish and I are pleased to announce that our youngest daughter, Ariella Orit Kronish, was married to Amit Poni on Sunday, August 21st, 17 Menachem Av 5765, in a very beautiful outdoor setting called Ganei Ya'ar in the Ben Shemen Forest, in Israel. Ron was privileged to officiate at the marriage along with their daughter, Rabbi Dahlia Kronish (recently ordained at JTS in May). In addition, Amy made the huppah and our other daughter, Sari, did the calligraphy for the very special egalitarian ketubah which was written by the bride and groom, based on one of the modern ketubot of the Conservative movement.

## 1966

**40th Reunion June 9-11, 2006** Kenneth E. Davis, Class Correspondent, 28 Mary Chilton Road, Needham, MA 02492 1966notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Richard Temkin** writes, "I was appointed as Michigan's District Director for the U.S. Small Business Administration in March 2003. For the past 24 years I have lived in the Detroit area with my wife, Nancy. We have three children, Matt (23), Max (16), and Marielle (13).

## 1967

Anne Reilly Hort, Class Correspondent, 10 Old Jackson Avenue, #21, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706 1967notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Madeline Blatt Karpel** writes, "My daughter, **Emily Karpel '99** was married to Jason Kurtz on October 17,



It was a wonderful milestone in our family life." **Brent Levinson** writes, "I have been a practicing psychologist for more than 30 years. I work out of a home office in Newton, MA, and at the Boston Institute for Psychotherapy in Brookline.

## 1969

Phoebe Epstein, Class Correspondent, 205 West 89th Street, #10-S, New York, NY 10024 1969notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Alan Shakin** earned a degree in social work in May 2004. Two months later, he retired from his job as a government lawyer. Two days following that, he began working as a social worker with the Jewish Social Service Agency in Rockville, MD. Alan's program helps older adults live independently and remain in their own homes for as long as possible. **Jerry Green** received Stockholm's "Key to the City" for his portrayal of Hamlet at Stockholm's Royal Classical Theater.

## 1970

Charles S. Eisenberg, Class Correspondent, 4 Ashford Road, Newton Center, MA 02459 1970notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Lois Greenfield** performed in New York, Anchorage, Monte Carlo, and Sydney with the Australian Dance Theatre (ATD). Her dance photography was the inspiration for ATD's "Held." Her thirty years of work was honored in a gala by Dance Theatre Workshop, New York. Lois's husband, **Stuart Liebman**, is editing an anthology on Claude Lanzmann's "Shoah" for Oxford University Press. He was recently a research fellow at the USHMM in Washington, D.C. **Joyce Melzer Springer** is a cast member of *Saturday Night Fever* playing the role of Flo Manero in London's West End production. **Kate Zentall P'05** continues to work at the Disney Internet Group as a writer/producer, but her proudest accomplishment was seeing her daughter, **Anna Forward '05** graduate from Brandeis this past June (she was also a sociology major). Kate is waiting to see if her son, James (12) will follow suit!

## 1971

**35th Reunion**  
**June 9-11, 2006**  
c/o Class of 1971, Brandeis University, MS 124, P.O. Box 549110, Waltham, MA 02454-9110 1971notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

## 1972

Dan Garfinkel, Class Correspondent, 2420 Kings Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15241 1972notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Thomas Flaherty** was promoted to professor of music at Pomona College in Claremont, CA. He is the director of Pomona's Electronic Studio, and teaches music theory, composition, and electronic music studio. His music has been published by Margun Music, Inc. and American Composers Editions and has been performed throughout Europe and North America. He has recorded on the Klavier, Bridge, SEAMUS, Capstone, and Advance labels. **Marion Katz Litman** is an attorney with the law firm of Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A. in Somerville, NJ. She was included in the 2005 edition of *Super Lawyers*. The top New Jersey lawyers are chosen by their peers and through independent research of Law & Politics. **Jeffrey A. Summit** was nominated for a Grammy Award for the CD *Abayudaya: Music of the Jewish People of Uganda* that he compiled and annotated for Smithsonian Folkways Recordings.

## 1973

Janet Besso Becker, Class Correspondent, 1556 Old Orchard Street, West Harrison, NY 10504 1973notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

The Class of 1973 seeks a Class Correspondent. If you like to keep in touch with your classmates and report on events and news in their lives, we would love to tell you more about this volunteer opportunity. For more information, please contact the Class Notes editor at 1973notes@alumni.brandeis.edu. After several years as Finance Minister, **Gier Haarde** is now Iceland's Foreign Minister.

## 1974

Susan Goldberg Benjamin, Class Correspondent, Ten Train Band Road, Bedford, NY, 10506 1974notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Congratulations to **Darlene Green Kamine**, the new president of the Brandeis University Alumni Association Board of Directors, as of June 2005! Darlene is an attorney with Kamine & Schilling in Cincinnati, OH. She has been consistently very active in the Alumni Association, having served on the Alumni Association Board, as a member of the regional Alumni Admissions Council and co-president of the Alumni Club of Cincinnati. Her husband, **Chuck**, is also Class of 1974 (although both of them completed their coursework in three years), and their daughter **Elida** is Class of 2003! "No one would accuse **Jonathan L. Mechanic**, the powerful real estate lawyer, of being quiet, least of all himself. But he both laughed and cringed when asked to confirm that he is the first to lunge across a negotiating table and grab a shirt collar to establish his turf." That's the opening paragraph of the June 15, 2005 *NY Times* article about our classmate, who is the chairman of the real estate practice at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson in NYC. According to the article, he "has negotiated some very big deals, including the \$800 million purchase of the Sears Tower in Chicago in March 2004, followed a year later by the \$1.72 billion purchase of the MetLife Building at 200 Park Avenue, which was the largest single building sale in New York City history." Jonathan's education after Brandeis included New York University School of Law and working for five years for a real estate developer who was an excellent mentor. A colleague "who has sat on both sides of the table with Jonathan said of his style, 'His is a little bit unorthodox because he really pushes very hard. He's a fierce negotiator. But in the end he understands where everybody has to be to make the deal. He's a deal maker, and what makes him so popular is his expertise on the complicated and sophisticated deals.'" There was sad news recently about the death of Professor **Jack**.



Lauren Stiller Rikleen '75

I spoke with **Andy Jick** as he was driving to Vermont for an event for his employer, The Timberland Company. The last time I think I saw Andy, he was announcing the plays at the Boston Celtics games! But his Boston Celtics career ended shortly after Rick Pitino came in 1997. Andy has been at Timberland in southern New Hampshire since 2000 and heads its Corporate Travel & Services group. On the side, he is back at the microphone as the public address voice of Boston College's Men's and Women's Basketball.

## 1975

c/o Class of 1975, Brandeis University, MS 124, P.O. Box 549100, Waltham, MA 02454-9110 1975notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Joan Munster Gorman** was promoted to full professor at the University of Washington's Department of Immunology. Rabbi **Peretz Rodman** (M.A. '83, Near Eastern and Judaic Studies) was elected president of the Israel Region of the (Conservative/Masorti) Rabbinical Assembly. **Michael Schwartz '75** joined Syracuse University's College of Law as assistant professor of law and director of the Public Interest Law Firm. As director of this clinic of the College of Law, Michael supervises students in disability litigation and teaches disability law. He is an expert in disability rights law, particularly the rights of people who are deaf, and is a member of the Connecticut, New Jersey and New York bars. His academic interests include disability discrimination law. Michael also holds a private pilot's license and is certified as a scuba diver. **Lauren Stiller Rikleen**, partner in the environmental law



Michael Shwartz '75

practice area at Bowditch & Dewey, was named to the list of Massachusetts Super Lawyers. Only five percent of attorneys in Massachusetts are selected by their peers for this prestigious honor.

## 1976

**30th Reunion**  
**June 9-11, 2006**  
Beth Pearlman, Class Correspondent, 1773 Diane Road, Mendota Heights, MN 55118 1976notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Hello again fellow 76-ers. Didn't that seem like a short summer? In fact, doesn't it feel like time itself is moving faster these days? On that note, it's hard to believe our 30th Reunion is coming up. Reunion 2006 will be held on the weekend of June 9-11, 2006 so put it on your calendar now so you don't forget. It would be great to see each other again. Best, Beth **Margie Bleichman** and **Charlotte Craig** were married on May 17, 2004. Theirs was the first legally recognized same sex wedding performed at Temple Israel, Boston. Margie is a professor of computer science at Middlesex Community College. Charlotte is an Occupational Therapist in the Early Childhood Program of the Brookline Public School System. The next day Margie flew to Ukraine on a grant to work with faculty there. The trip resulted in her first photography exhibit, "Images of Ukraine", held at the Henderson Gallery in November 2004.

## 1977

Fred Berg, Class Correspondent, 150 East 83rd Street, #2C, New York, NY 10028 1977notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Bruce Frumkin** was elected president of the Florida Psychological Association.

## 1978

Valerie Troyansky, Class Correspondent, 10 West 66th Street, #8J, New York, NY 10023 1978notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Charles Modlin '78** joined the New York office of Seyfarth Shaw LLP as partner in the Corporate Practice Group. His practice is focused in the area of transactional matters, including mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, public offerings and private placements of equity and debt, venture financings and related fund and company representations. Previously Charles was a partner in the corporate department of Morrison Cohen LLP.

## 1979

Ruth Strauss Fleischmann, Class Correspondent, 8 Angier Road, Lexington, MA 02420 1979notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Karen Levenson-Code** is program director of the Canadian Seafood Boycott Campaign to end Canada's commercial seal hunt, a campaign of over fifty international animal and environmental protection organizations, and special members' director for Animal Alliance of Canada/Environment Voters. She and her husband, John, live in Guelph, Ontario with their 10-month-old husky, Malamute puppy, Karma, and seven-year-old cat, Ivy. She is studying Buddhism and helping her husband live a fulfilling life with ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis).

## 1980

Lewis Brooks, Class Correspondent, 585 Glen Meadow Road, Richboro, PA 18954 1980notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

The celebration of our 25th Reunion in June was AMAZING. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the chance to reconnect with old



# Marriages and Unions

Class	Name	Date
1988	David Bernstein and Sigal Nissan	September 12, 2004
1989	Philip Solomon and Joanna Edelman	January 9, 2005
1991	Gwen Leifer and Justin Levinson	October 10, 2004
1992	Rachel Hernandez and Gil Speyer	November 13, 2004
	Cheryl Alkon and David Duncan	October 24, 2004
	Laura Hauben and Anthony Label	June 25, 2005
1993	Jane Hochberg and Tyrone Corn	February 15, 2004
1994	Dana Partos and Stan Beach	March 6, 2005
1995	David Harrison and Victoria Chan	September 5, 2004
	Darlene Negbenebor and Michael Seitz	September 19, 2004
1996	Rachel M. Bechick and Eric I. Naggar	September 5, 2004
	Richard Morris Golland and Lei Zhang	August 7, 2004
	Jessica B. Kopito and Harris C. Giddings	October 24, 2004
	David Evan and Carolyn Austin	October 10, 2004
1997	Jennifer B. Novak and Jamie Dunst	September 5, 2004
1998	Jacqueline S. Kates and Erica L. Hyman	August 21, 2005
1999	Lucia DeMaio and Scott Ronis '98	June 19, 2005
	Mathew Ednick and Lindsey Laufer	March 26, 2005
	Shaun Honig and Elizabeth Heller	May 30, 2005
	Emily Karpel and Jason Kurtz	October 17, 2004
2001	Mary McGrath and Paul McNeice	July 4, 2003
	Melani Friedman and Mark Saltzman	June 27, 2004
	Maria (Masha) Pustilnikova and Mark Leuner	April 29, 2005
2003	Elana Klein and Ben Fertig	July 17, 2005
	Liliana Kualapai and Hal Schneider '02	June 26, 2005
2004	Lauren Gottschalk and Andrew Stefano	December 19, 2004



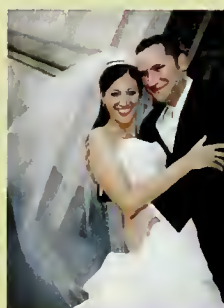
Wedding of Emily Karpel '99 and Jason Kurtz



Wedding of Margaret Bleichman '76



Wedding of Melani Friedman '01 and Mark Saltzman



Wedding of Rachel M. Bechick '96 and Eric I. Naggar '96



Wedding of Dana Partos '94 and Stan Beach



Janis Schiff '80

friends, reminisce on good times and once again hang out at the Stein! The campus may have looked a lot different than it did 25 years ago, but as we got together again, it felt no different than being on campus in 1980. Keep in touch and plan to come back for our next Reunion in 2010! – Lewis. The law firm of Holland & Knight LLP announced today that **Janis Boyarsky Schiff**, a partner in Holland & Knight LLP's Washington, D.C., was appointed firm-wide marketing partner in July 2005. In this role, Janis will direct the implementation

of all aspects of strategic marketing, advertising and branding for the firm. She has practiced Real Estate law since 1983 and joined Holland & Knight as a partner seven years ago. Since joining the firm, she has served in numerous leadership roles, including chair of the Retail Development Team in the Real Estate Section; deputy section leader in the firm's Real Estate Section since August 2003; and founder and leader of the firm's Rising Stars program. She also has served on the firm's Director's Committee since 2001. Outside of the firm, Janis has held leadership positions in the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) and is a past president of the Suburban Maryland Chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW). She is active in Women in Retail Real Estate (WIRRE) and currently serves on the Washington, D.C. District Council of the Urban Land Institute. She received the 2004 Outstanding Achievement Award from the District of Columbia Chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women and has been named one of the top women in commercial real estate by *Real Estate*

*Forum* magazine. Janis was also Chair of the Class of 1980's 25th Reunion Committee. **Lisa Feldman Naturman** writes, "Roy ('79) and I enjoyed his 25th Reunion in June 2004. Our oldest son, Scott, attends Duke where he manages men's basketball. Our other sons, Ben (16), Daniel (14), and Matthew (12) attend Delbarton School. Only one more Bar Mitzvah to go!" **Mark Malulef** and his wife, Dolores Acquista, announce the birth of their three children on August 10, 2004: Samuel Jay, Lydia Rose, and Nora Claire. Mark is an attorney advising the Federal Housing Administration. His second article for the *Maryland Bar Review* was published in March 2005. **Andrew L. Moore** writes, "In January 2005 my brother and I performed in a play we had written for the Great American History Theatre in St. Paul, titled *Sons of the Bedtime Nooz*, a memoir of our late father, Dave. It went over well and was a wonderful way to reconnect with my love of theatre, my Twin Cities roots, and the spirit of my dad."

## 1981

### 25th Reunion June 9-11, 2006

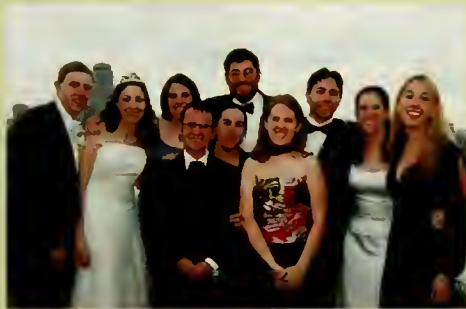
David J. Allon, Class Correspondent,  
540 Weadley Road, Wayne,  
PA 19087 1981notes@  
alumni.brandeis.edu

**David Greeley** is responsible for public affairs and policy for Merck & Co. Inc.'s pharmaceutical operations in Latin America and the Caribbean. He writes, "I joined Merck seven years ago, after having spent over 15 years working for non-profit development organizations primarily in Asia and Africa. After graduating from Brandeis, I joined the Peace Corps and lived in a small town in Burkina Faso, West Africa for two years, where I taught English as a second language in a junior high school. I then obtained my master's degree in international relations from Columbia University. In 1985, I joined CARE and worked for them on a variety of development projects for four years overseas in Indonesia, Belize and Niger. In 1990 I joined Population Services International (PSI), an NGO headquartered in Washington, D.C., specializing in the social marketing of health products,

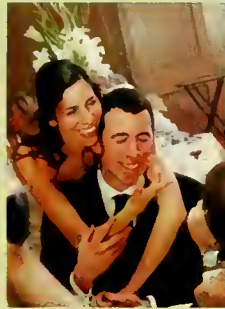
where I was responsible for developing new programs around the world and obtaining donor support for these projects. For more than two years, I headed up PSI in India, where I oversaw one of the largest family planning programs the year that India surpassed one billion in population. Oh well. After years of adventure that has taken me to 85 countries, my wife, Salamatou (from Burkina Faso) and I have now settled in comfortably in a suburb of New York, with the required two children, Ethan Lamine and Seth Atikou (age three and one respectively), the obligatory pop out kitchen/family room, the "keep up with the Jones" wide screen TV, and, of course, the minivan with DVD and navigation system. No dogs yet." **Helene Leikowitz Ross** recently lost her best friend/husband of 12 1/2 years, Jerry, to bladder cancer, after his valiant and uncompaining 2 1/2 year fight, peacefully, at home, in Victoria, British Columbia. Helene and Jerry lived in California until 2001, then moved to Toronto (Jerry's hometown), after the 2000 election. They then moved to Victoria (a kind

of Canadian/British Santa Cruz, where they first met) in November 2003. Jerry loved to go with Helene to Brandeis alumni events, in Southern California, then in Toronto. Helene would especially like to thank **Mark Surchin '78** and his family for their love, friendship, kindness, and support throughout Jerry's illness. Through Jerry, Helene gained so much knowledge, especially about Denmark, Holland, and France, where Jerry had lived and worked, becoming fluent in their languages, for 16 years. On a beautiful Sunday afternoon, per Jerry's request, Helene scattered his ashes into the ocean as their friends said Kaddish. Helene is at home, surrounded by good friends and neighbors, letting time heal her grief and exhaustion. She can be reached at helener24@yahoo.ca **Bruce Zamost** is a partner in the Cherry Hill, NJ, office of Stark & Stark, P.C., specializing in product liability, professional malpractice and complex litigation. He was recently named "top product liability attorney in South Jersey" by *SJ Magazine* in its survey of regional lawyers and the judiciary. Bruce and his wife, Donna Cross, have a son, Zachary Vincent, who was born in March 2005.





Wedding of Melissa Bank Stepno '99



Wedding of Philip Solomon '89 and Joanna Eidelman



Wedding of Maria (Masha) Pustilnikova '01 and Mark Leuner



Wedding of Darlene Negbenebor '95 and Michael Seitz



Wedding of David Evan '96 and Carolyn Austin

## 1982

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## 1983

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In June 2004 **Chris Rhomberg** was promoted to associate professor in the Department of Sociology at Yale University, where he has taught for the past six years. His book, *No There There: Race, Class, and Political Community in Oakland*, was published in February 2004 (University of California Press). He and his wife, Maida Rosenstein, were married in 2003. They live in New York City. **Alysa Rosenberg Polkes** joined Blessing White, Inc., in later 2003 after five years

of serving as director of the MBA Career Management Center and chief of staff at the Anderson School at UCLA. She and her husband, Bruce, live in Thousand Oaks, CA, with their daughter, Gabrielle (who celebrated her Bat Mitzvah in May 2005), and their son, Jonah (10).

## 1984

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After a career in television, government and campaign politics, **Steven Goldstein** is entered rabbinical school this fall (2005) at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. He continues as chair of Garden State Equality, New Jersey's statewide lesbian and gay political organization.

## 1985

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**Martin Alintuck** writes, "Like so many other Red Sox fans who grew up with a lifetime of frustration, I was glued to the television for game seven against the Yankees in 2004, hoping and praying that somehow the Sox could finish off the miracle and make it to the World Series. There was just one difference between me and all the other fans — I was 6,751 miles away from Boston, watching my team live in Beijing, China. We were not eating Kung Pao chicken as it was only 8:00am, but there we were, 40 members of Red Sox Nation, that ubiquitous term for long-suffering Sox fans around the world — cheering on the Boston boys a world away in a local Beijing bar, the Goose & Duck. Nothing like an historic Game 7 against the hated Yankees to bring together the diehard even in China. As the game ended, the young woman from Harvard standing next to me started crying. Hugs

abounded as the requisite high-fives were shared. As for me, I called my friend Harry in San Francisco and told him simply, 'We have to go.' Thus started my six-day odyssey from Beijing to Paris to Boston to Providence to Chicago to St. Louis to Atlanta to Paris and finally back to Beijing. Almost 20,000 miles around the globe to see my beloved Red Sox do the unthinkable: win the World Series for the first time in 86 years."

**David Mindich**, chair and associate professor of the department of journalism and mass communication at Saint Michael's College in Colchester, VT, was selected by the graduates of the college's Class of 2005 for a Class Appreciation Award. David is the author of *Tuned Out: Why Americans Under 40 Don't Follow the News*. The book, published in 2005 by Oxford University Press, has been the focus of wide national media interest, as editors see a decline in newspaper readership and

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try to understand how the public gets its news. He has been cited on this topic by commentators ranging from Walter Cronkite to George Will, in outlets from *The New York Times* to *The Wall Street Journal*. He has published essays or been quoted in the *LA Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, and *The American Journalism Review*. Cheryl Vollweiler writes, "I am a partner at the New York headquarters of the law firm Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicher LLP, where I specialize in toxic torts, products liability, and insurance coverage. I am on the boards of directors of APIW, Inc. and the Financial Women's Association, and am cochair of the New York State Bar Association toxic torts committee."

## 1986

20th Reunion  
June 9-11, 2006

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**Susan Silver Bartell** writes, "As a psychologist specializing in teens, I am excited that my third book, *Dr. Susan's Girls-Only Weight Loss Guide*, will be released in the winter of 2006. Life is fast-paced and fast-moving and my husband, Lewis, and I are starting to realize that before long we will have three of our own teens (they are 11, 9 and 7 now!)."

## 1987

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**John Rogers** was promoted to House Majority Leader in the Massachusetts House of Representatives after four years as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. He practices law with Rudolph Friedmann LLP on State Street in Boston. **Steven Roses** and his wife, Maria Seigenthaler, have a second child in the family.

David Mindich '85



Julia Thomas Roses was born in March 2005 and joins Annabelle Elizabeth Roses (almost three). Steve and Maria are having a great time in Millburn, NJ, with the kids and their four-year-old border collie, Mazie.

## 1988

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**Sara Abraham** and **Graham Cassano** (M.A. '90, Sociology; Ph.D. '91, Sociology) met each other at the Left Forum 2005 in New York City after 17 years. **Cheryl Gorin Robins** writes, "Liam Harel Robins was born on October 23, 2004. We now have 5 people in the family with Liam joining big sisters Kimberly (6) and Nina (4). **Mark A. Peterson** is associate vice president for development and alumni affairs at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. **Michael Ramer** '88 (M.A. '89, International Economics and Finance) is the International Business School representative to the Brandeis University Alumni Association Board of Directors. **Buster Hyman** writes, "My wife, Lynda, and I had our first child, Zoey Bayla, in March 2005. I'm still very close and in touch with Adam Lass, '90, Maurice Braka, '90, Michael Traister '90, Navaid Alam '90, and Michael Chernis. Life in Miami Beach is as exciting as ever and I don't miss the Waltham cold! I'm a financial advisor for Wachovia Securities (formerly Prudential Securities)."

## 1989

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**Alexandra Ainslein** writes, "My husband, Paul Turlington, and I bought a new home in Ellicott City, MD this past winter. After being in Edinburgh, Scotland for three years, we have been in

Maryland for six years now and we love it. I continue to work at NIH and am the new club president for the Brandeis University Alumni Club of Baltimore. The Baltimore alumni are a lot of fun. I hope anyone in my area will email me and join us for an event (Baltimore@alumni.brandeis.edu). Paul and I hosted a family event on June 26, 2005 in our home. I continue to keep in touch with Shari Lurie '89 who recently visited us. Shari practices medicine at Norwood Hospital in Massachusetts where she has found several other Brandeis alums. We're everywhere and that's exciting!" **Sherril Ettinger** writes, "I received my Ph.D. in social work from Smith College, SSW, in August 2004. Several months later, during Boston's Blizzard of January 2005, I gave birth to a baby girl, Gabriela Eve Ettinger. I am the assistant director of the Counseling Center at Simmons College and an adjunct instructor of social work at Smith College and Wheelock College. **David "Buster" Hyman** writes, "My wife, Lynda, and I had our first child, Zoey Bayla, in March 2005. I'm still very close and in touch with Adam Lass, '90, Maurice Braka, '90, Michael Traister '90, Navaid Alam '90, and Michael Chernis. Life in Miami Beach is as exciting as ever and I don't miss the Waltham cold! I'm a financial advisor for Wachovia Securities (formerly Prudential Securities)."

## 1990

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**Bari Barton Cooper** writes, "Jason Cooper '91 and I had our second child, Samuel Barton Cooper on July 9, 2003. We also built a beautiful house in Brambleton, VA (near Redskins summer camp). I quit work to raise Seth and our other son, Sam. **Alice Aron Cohen** writes, "We just welcomed our second son, Adam Charles, on June 30, 2005. He joins big brother, William (2). My husband, Neal, and I are thrilled!" **Melissa Benenfield** writes, "I have been a chiropractor and work in my own practice approximately 25-30 hours a week. The rest of the time is spent with my husband, Jeff Merovitz '91, and our two children, Matthew (4) and Amanda (1). We live in Cherry Hill, NJ, and frequently run into fellow Brandeisians in the South Jersey and Philadelphia regions." **Melanie Kopelowitz Appelbaum** writes, "My husband, Eric, and I live in Harrison, NY, with our four children - Joshua (7), Julia (5), Lillian (2) and Talya (6 months). I am a full-time mom and kept very busy with my children and life, in general! Unfortunately, we weren't able to make the 15th Reunion this year - but hope to see everyone at the 20th!!" **Michael C. Schmidt** was a speaker at the Problem Employees & The Law Seminar in Melville, N.Y., in June 2005. Michael's presentation, "An Ounce of Prevention: Prepare for the Worst," focused on employment at will, the covenant of good faith and fair dealing doctrine, implied



contracts, anti-discrimination compliance, maintaining employee files, and how to avoid wrongful discharge claims, as part of the full-day event addressing a wide spectrum of employee issues. Michael practices in Cozen O'Connor's New York Midtown office and concentrates his practice in commercial litigation and labor and employment law.

## 1991

### 15th Reunion June 9-11, 2006

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Get ready for an exciting year of activities that can help you reconnect to your alma mater! Believe it or not, our 15th Reunion will be celebrated as part of Reunion 2006 on the weekend of June 9-11, 2006. Make plans now to come to one or both events! **Jessica Berman Wasserman** moved to Florida with her husband, Jeff, and son, Ryan, in June 2001. She and her family welcomed their newest edition, Jaqueline, in March 2005. Jessica is a family physician who also teaches medical students at LECOM in Brandenton. After spending the previous seven years traveling the globe while working for Catholic Relief Services as an international relief/development worker, **Matthew Berman** took a job in July 2004 as Peace Corps Country Director in Cape Verde. A former Peace Corps volunteer, Matthew enjoys the challenge of managing 45 volunteers working on education and community development projects across seven of the nation's nine inhabited islands. His wife **Rachel Blankstein Berman '96** is putting her RN and MPH/MSN skills to use working in the maternity ward at the national hospital. They are spending their weekends exploring the great hiking and snorkeling. Last year, **Nigel Cohen** graduated first in his class with an MBA from the University of Texas - Pan American, where he had also taught criminal justice courses for six years. He is now the criminal justice instructor at The Victoria College, and occasionally teaches business law at other schools. **Jason Cooper**,

who has been working as a family physician in Herndon, VA, moved with his wife, **Bari Barton Cooper '90**, to Brambleton, VA. **Gwen Leifer** is an assistant chief counsel at the New York District Office of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (DHS), representing the government in asylum hearings and hearings about whether non-citizens who commit crimes in the U.S. may retain their green cards. She also teaches law in the evenings at the Interboro Institute, a two-year college in New York City, as part of their paralegal degree program. **Jeffrey Lehrer** recently returned from Tbilisi, Georgia, where he managed the U.S. Agency for International Development's Economic Growth Assistance Program, following the Rose Revolution.

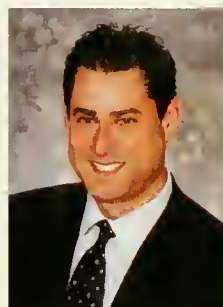
## 1992

Lisa Davidson Fiore, Class Correspondent, 34 Van Ness Road, Belmont, MA 02478 1992notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Greetings classmates! The weather in Boston has been brutal lately, and it reminds me of the first day of Orientation, 1988. I can picture my dad sweating through his long-sleeved (what was he thinking?) shirt, sitting on my bed in Dero, eating a tuna sandwich. He'd worked up the sweat watching some poor Orientation volunteer carry my trunk up three flights of steps. It doesn't seem that long ago, but it has been almost 17 years! I'm truly looking forward to hearing from you, and to sharing your news with the rest of our class. Even if there is nothing going on in your life that strikes you as terribly exciting, please drop an email anyway. You never know where it could lead. You can share things you haven't accomplished yet, and maybe someone else hasn't accomplished something, and before you know it, we'll all be smiling about the incredible things we haven't done. If you're like most people, the Class Notes section is the first place you turn when you read the Brandeis Review, and the more participation we have, the more space we can fill in the magazine. It's all about space, after all. For example, my husband, Steve, and I celebrated the first birthday of our daughter, Talia Emma, on June 27th, 2005. Her brother Matthew (3 1/2) was happily eating cake, mostly using a fork. I

work as assistant professor in the School of Education at Lesley University, in the Early Childhood Education Program. Here are some others' stories that I can share with you: **Cheryl Alkon** and **David Duncan** were married at the Royal Sonesta hotel in Cambridge, MA, on October 24, 2004. Brandeisians in attendance including the bride's brother and sister-in-law, **Joseph Alkon '95** and **Rebecca Bergman Alkon '96** and **Katherine Kendall**, Ph.D. candidate, European History, who all served in the bridal party. Other Brandeisian guests included **Jeff Goldfarb '91**, **Nicole Choukrane Jakab**, **Spencer Jakab '91**, **Artemis Panagopolous**, **Alicia Salmoni '94**, **Debbie Ottenheimer Schwartz '90**, **Mike Lesser**, and the bride's freshman year roommate, **Wendy Ross Saggitt**, who served as a ketubah signer. After working in journalism for eight years in New York, Cheryl relocated to Massachusetts in 2003. She is the research editor at *Boston* magazine. After a fellowship in laparoscopic urology at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, **Eric Chenvin** and his wife, Cheryn, moved to Fort Lauderdale in 2003 where Eric joined a private practice urology group. They had a son, Benjamin Samuel, in January 2004. **Laura Hauben** writes, "I was married on June 25, 2005, to Anthony Label, an attorney from the Bay Area who I met four years ago through **Rob Eber '91**. Fellow alums included my bridesmaid, **Mia Kozicharow Bauer '91** who was a bridesmaid, **Joanna Arkans** who was a huppah holder and her husband, **Eric Savelson '90** who signed our ketubah, **Lori Nelson Cheslaff**, who did a reading in our ceremony, **Elizabeth Helpert '91** and her husband, **Adam Lass '90**. I still live in San Francisco and have been a psychologist at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center for five years as well as in private practice specializing in eating disorders. **Peter Nickowitz's** play, *The Alice Complex*, was produced in July 2005 as part of the Dixon Place Hot! Festival in New York City. His book, *Rhetoric & Sexuality in the Poems of Hart Crane*, **Elizabeth Bishop & James Merrill** will be published in November 2005. Peter lives and writes in L.A. and teaches at USC.

**Chuck Tanowitz** and **Ellen Rappaport Tanowitz** traveled in May 2005 to China with their two boys, Alexander and Benjamin, to bring home their new daughter, Shoshana. She was 12.5 months at "gotcha day" and is a joy. They write, "She completes our family. Our chaotic quintet is now at home. Alexander started first grade in the fall; Benjamin started pre-school." Ellen has her own law practice and Chuck is a supervisor at a hi-tech public relations firm.



Michael Schmidt '90



Arren Goldman '95

## 1993

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Thank you to those who shared updates for this issue of the Review - keep 'em coming! - Josh. **Chad Arthur** is an orthodontist practicing with his father and sister, Dr. **Mandy Dailch '97**, in Scottsdale, AZ. Chad and his wife, Jill, celebrated their second anniversary in June 2005 and have a daughter, Zoe Samantha, born November 11, 2004. In addition to working as an attorney for the Lockheed Martin Corporation, **Jarred A. Fishman** was graduated from the Academy of Military Science following 45 days of active duty. Officer School for the Air Force is located at McGehee-Tyson AFB, and Second Lieutenant Fishman was commissioned on April 22. He serves at Headquarters USAF/ Defense Intelligence Agency, Bolling AFB located in Washington, DC. After eight years as an award-winning technical writer, **Emily Eng Kaplan** quit the software industry to become a stay-at-home mom. Her new daughter, Riley Emma, was born in January 2005 and joins older brother Theodore "Theo" Jacob (3). Emily and her family live in Cedar Park, TX, near Austin. John and **Mindy Morgentaler** Ruth's family has grown from three to five with the addition of their identical twin daughters, Joey Rebecca and Jamie Rachel, born on May 24, 2005. They join their big brother, Jordan Nathaniel, who turns four in November. Mindy and family still live in sunny south Florida. **Ilan Simon** is associate senior counsel, employment & litigation at Eisai Inc. (a pharmaceutical company in Teaneck, NJ). He and his wife, Dina, bought a home in Livingston, NJ.

After completing some renovation work, they hope to move in this fall (2005). Their son, Daniel Shalom, turned 2-and-a-half in July, and their daughter, Avigayil Georgia Sarah Simon, turned one, also in July. **Monique L. Spalding** has just written her first book, *Bridges of Faith*. Monique is a deaconess at Yoido Full Gospel Church where Dr. David Yonggi Cho is senior pastor. She was born and raised in Chicago but claims Killeen, TX, as home while she serves her country in the U.S. Army. She holds an associate of science degree in business administration from Fisher College. Monique is currently in Korea working on her master of divinity degree. **Eric Brezina** finished a residency in family medicine in June 2004 and started a new practice with three other physicians in Warren, NJ. **Jane Hochberg** writes, "I married Tyrone Corn on February 15, 2004 in Boise, ID. **Esther Krall**, **Matt Beckman '92**, and **Mike Rosenthal '92** were in attendance. I am a deputy attorney general with the Office of the Idaho Attorney General, and Tyrone is an archeologist with SAIC. **Stacy Leikowitz** married Craig Brown in May 2004. They have an infant son, Ramsey Elliot Brown and reside in Dobbs Ferry, NY.

## 1994

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**Dana Partos** writes, "I received my Ph.D. in physics from Brandeis in May '01. I then moved to Washington, D.C. for a job as a research analyst

at the Center for Naval Analyses. (I finally got over my years as the Sherman waffle lady). I was married to Stan Beach on March 6, 2005, on the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland. Brandeis alumni in attendance included **Todd Kaplan '96** (bride's attendant), **Tillany Glassman '96** (Matron of Honor), **Jeannie Sklar**, **Gary Singer '93** and his son, **Jacob Singer** (future class of 2025), and **Ronit Dancis '95** (see photo in "Marriages and Unions" section). **Nicole Stewart** was sworn in as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy on April 22, 2005. She recently defended her dissertation, *Depressive Symptomatology, Academic Achievement and Child Maltreatment Among Black Middle School Students: A Program Design*, as a cumulation of her doctorate degree in clinical-forensic psychology from the Miami Institute of Psychology. Nicole began Officer Indoctrination School in Newport, RI, in June 2005 and then was stationed at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD, as a clinical psychologist in July.

## 1995

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**Arren S. Goldman**, a senior associate in the New Jersey law firm of Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP, presented at a seminar entitled, "Commercial Real Estate Financing in New Jersey," sponsored by Lorman Education Services on July 21, 2005 in Parsippany, NJ. Arren, a member of the firm's real estate department, concentrates his practice in commercial real estate



transactions, brokerage law, complex mortgage and asset-based financing, zoning and land use applications, leasing, real estate tax appeals, local government law, redevelopment law, residential real estate transactions and environmental matters. He has appeared before planning and zoning boards throughout New Jersey in connection with residential, commercial and industrial projects. He has also represented real estate brokers and salespeople in hearings before the New Jersey Real Estate Commission with regard to licensing issues. He is a member of the Mortgage Bankers Association. Arron received his law degree from Rutgers University School of Law, Newark. **Darlene Negbenebor** and Michael Seitz married on September 19, 2004 in Danbury, CT. Brandeisians in attendance included **Lisa Ruben**, **Melissa Friedman '96**, **Eliza Lischin**, **Laurie Markus**, and **Deepak Reddy**. Darlene writes, "It was a beautiful outdoor ceremony, and we honeymooned in Italy. We live in New York City and I finished my Gastroenterology fellowship at St. Vincent's Hospital in June 2005. After seven years as an attorney with the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, D.C. **David Shulman** moved to Miami, FL where he is pursuing a master's in law (LLM) in estate planning at the University of Miami Law School.

## 1996

**10th Reunion**  
**June 9-11, 2006**  
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**Rachel M. Bechick** married **Eric I. Naggar** at the Westin Copley Place in Boston on September 5, 2004. The wedding was well attended by many former and current Brandeis students and several Sigma Alpha Mu brothers. Brandeis alumni in attendance included **Adam Levy '97**, **Mike Shafir '98**, **Joshua Fagen '95**, **Jared Scherer**, **Jamie Husney**, **Brian Gaines**, **Todd Grossman**, **Jamie Halegoua**,

**Andrew Katznelson '99**, **Jeffrey Lehman**, **Jay Zuckert**, **Paul Shipper**, **Glenn Singer** and **Estee Naggar '98**, as well as **Isaac Naggar '06** and MBA candidate **Sami Kiresepi '06**. There were also three other fellow Brandeis alumni couples:

**Michael and Allison Sherwat Schultz**, **Ralph '97** and **Adena Ruben Santiago**, and **Ira and Debbie Goldberg**. Rachel is the institutional marketing manager at Kent Place School in Summit, NJ, and Eric is a construction specialist for Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, in Manhattan. He is also studying for his master's at NYU. The happy couple resides in Hoboken, NJ. **David Evan** writes, "For the first time since graduation I am sending an update. The most important event to report is my marriage to Carolyn Austin on October 10, 2004 in Stow, MA. Brandeisians in attendance were **Ari Adler**, **Rachel Baum**, **Arik Ben-Avi**, **John Bohn**, **Justin Burmeister**, **Carmil Delman '97**, **Tina Gelsomino '00**, **Avi Kumin**, **Dorothea Pappas**, **Olga Press Kitchin**, **Noam Lindenboim '95**, **Chris McKelvey**, **Shuji Sato '95**, and **David Sittenfeld '96**. We live in Newton. Also, in May 2004, I received an MS in information technology from Bentley College and accepted a position as a project manager at Senior Systems in Marlborough, MA, a company that specializes in administrative software for independent schools. **John Bohn** is a fellow co-worker. **Richard Morris Golland** and **Lei Zhang** were married on August 7, 2004. They live in Tokushima, Japan, where Richard teaches English. **Jessica Kopita** writes, "I was married on October 24, 2004 to Harris C. Giddings in Lawrence, NY. Alumni in attendance were **Charlie '98** and **Stacy Nordon '97**. Bess Stacy was a bridesmaid in my bridal party. I work for Saks Fifth Avenue and live on Long Island. **Matthew Tilem** writes, "I am a staff neurologist at Lahey Clinic in Burlington, MA."

## 1997

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**Pegah Hendizadeh Schiffman**, Co-class Correspondent, 58 Joan Road, Stamford, CT 06905

**Yevgeny Bendersky** writes, "I was graduated in May 2005 from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University with a master's in security studies and conflict resolution. I am a legislative assistant (foreign affairs) to Congressman Curt Weldon (PA). I relocated to the Washington D.C. area from Massachusetts. **Evan Mulholland** received an LLM degree in environmental law from the Vermont Law School in August 2005. He is an associate practicing environmental and land use law at Primmer & Piper, PC, in Montpelier. **Jennifer B. Novak** was married to Jamie Dunst in Syracuse, NY on September 5, 2004. **Kerith Lowenkron Braunfeld**, **Carmil Delman**, and **Caryn Mark** served as bridesmaids. The couple resides in Hoboken, NJ.

## 1998

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**Aaron D. Cohn** received a doctor of medicine degree from Jefferson Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University, in Philadelphia in June 2005. Aaron is completing a transitional year which will be followed by an ophthalmology residency at William Beaumont Hospital in Detroit. **Steven and Michele Greenwald Glik** celebrated their first anniversary on February 28, 2005. They write "It was great to share our wedding the year before with four tables of Brandeis grads!" **Scott Ronis** and **Lucia DeMaio '99** were married at the Pleasantville Country Club in Pleasantville, NY on June 19, 2005. Fellow Brandeisians in attendance were **Michelle Colantonio '99**, **Meredith Keenan '99**, **Stephen Klonek**, **Orion MacDonald '99**, **Sarit Polsky '99**, **Benjamin Serebin**, **Aaron Spector '99**, **Hugh Wattenberg '91**, and **Donald Zinman**. Lucia, who works for the Missouri Department of Economic Development, and Scott, who is a sixth-year doctoral student in clinical psychology at the University of Missouri-Columbia, reside in Columbia, MO. **Kirsten**

**Winninghoff** writes, "I received my J.D. from the University at Buffalo Law School in May of 2004

## 1999

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**Melissa Bank** writes, "Last October (2004), I was married to Eric Stepano. Brandeisians who attended the wedding included **Ellen Lipslein**, **Glenn Ettman**, **Sara Beth Radwin Levine '98**, **Ely Levine**, **Stephanie Welthington**, **Josh Small**, **Jenny Held Small**, and **Debra Gutis**. In May 2005 I started a new job as a senior consultant for Prospect Information Network, A Service of Kintera." **Brooke Feingold**, **Bobbi Wax**, and **Nick Casamassimo** attended the March 26, 2005, wedding of **Mathew Ednick** and **Lindsey Laufer**. **A. David Lewis** writes, "My small press comic book publishing company, Caption Box, both produced the full-length historical fiction graphic novel, *The Lone and Level Sands*, as well as took part in National Free Comic Book Day 2005. I was also named to the Editorial Board for the International Journal of Comic Art."

## 2000

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## 2001

**5th Reunion**  
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**Joshua Bob** has been working at e-Dialog, Inc., an e-mail marketing firm in Lexington, MA, as a senior campaign associate. He lives in Waltham. **Marjorie Bunch** received a doctor of medicine degree from the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Jersey in the spring of 2005. **Brenna**

**Carney** writes, "I was married to Michael Ferrick on June 5, 2005, in Lexington, MA. We live in Waltham for the moment, but plan on traveling quite a bit within the next couple of years." **Steve Cohen** writes, "I'm starting my second year at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in the doctor of public health program. This past summer, I was in Boston doing an internship at Tufts University where I worked on a report for the EPA on water quality and GI disease." **Heather Dwyer** writes, "I'm very happy to report that I just got back from my honeymoon. I was married July 3, 2005, to Matthew DiTollo (not a Brandeis Alum, although we did meet at Brandeis!)." **Daniel Fisher** writes, "I am continuing my service as operations manager at Commerce Bank in Mount Olive, NJ, training for upper management. I was nominated for the second time to be honored at the annual WOW! Awards."

**Melani Friedman** writes, "I was married to Mark Saltzman on June 27, 2004, in Jefferson Valley, NY. Fellow Brandeisian **Allyson Glasser '00** was a member of the bridal party. Mark and I reside in Westchester where I work in the IT department at the main headquarters of PepsiCo and Mark is an attorney specializing in Education and Labor Law. We've recently traveled through England, France, and Italy and loved every moment! I still keep in touch with fellow Brandeisians **Alice Liu '04** and **Kate Passow '00**." **Matthew Gittlitz** writes: "I was married to Dorian Levine on August 8, 2004. I was graduated from Babson College with my MBA in May 2005, and now work as a project manager at EMC corporation." **Jessie Glasser** writes, "I was graduated from Tufts University School of Medicine in May 2005 with a dual degree, doctorate of medicine and masters of public health (MD/MPH). I'm doing my residency in internal medicine at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, TX." **Betsy Loren Plumb** writes, "I was promoted to assistant director of research at The National D-Day Museum: America's World War II Museum, here in New Orleans, LA. I'm proud and excited - life in NOLA is good." **Lauren Haimovich** writes: "Adam Kupersmith

'99 and I were graduated from medical school in May 2005 and moved out to California to start our residency training (pediatrics for me, and internal medicine for him) at the University of California at Davis in Sacramento. To celebrate our graduation and Betsy Plumb's promotion, the three of us went on a cruise to Mexico and had a great time! We visited Mayan ruins, spent a day kayaking, and had a great time just reading and relaxing on the boat." **Jordan Isenstadt** has been working for over a year as the Press Secretary for New York State Senator Liz Krueger, a Democrat who represents the East Side of Manhattan and midtown. He spent much of the summer and the fall working on two successful State Senate campaigns in the Bronx and Westchester. Jordan lives in Manhattan with his Brandeis graduate girlfriend **Lauren Rifkin**. Lauren is a marketing director at Scholastic Inc. **Rebecca Kash Singer** writes: "I was married to Jordan Singer on June 26, 2005. We live in Brookline, MA. I am a master's student at Boston College in educational administration and have been a middle school math and science teacher for the past four years. Jordy is an intellectual property attorney with Goodwin Procter LLP in Boston. Many Brandeis alumni (and one current student - my brother, **Gideon Katsh '09**) were in attendance at my wedding including **Hollie Klatzko**, **Ellie Steinman**, **Robyn Weinblatt**, **Anna Gray**, **Becca Rausch**, **Konika Jain**, **Jessica Braunfeld**, **Kari (Phillips) Margolis**, **Dave Weisz**, **Jen Lutting Singer '00** (my sister-in-law), **Moshe '99** and **Aviva Sklare Schwartz '00** (my cousin and cousin-in-law), **Tali Schwartz '02** (my cousin) and **Beth Cohn Copelovitch '95**." **Jennean Knowles** writes, "I live in my hometown of Miami, where I bought a beautiful house in April of 2003 that keeps me very busy! I will graduate from a one-year (AS) nursing program at Miami Dade College in December 2005 and am really looking forward to a new career. I have been working in a molecular pathology lab at the University of Miami since I graduated from Brandeis. Recent travels include a two-week trip to Japan which was a wonderful experience that truly made me feel more a part of the global community. Last year I went on a windjammer sailing cruise





through the Virgin Islands. The British islands were particularly beautiful and I had a great time. I'm hoping nursing will take me around the world as a travel nurse. **Gabe Leibowitz** writes, "I work in real estate, running the rentals division of Boveground Realty in Manhattan. We also work in sales and 1031 exchanges, but I primary focus on rentals of properties here in the city, ranging from small studios to massive 4 BR's. I wanted to offer my assistance to any Brandeis alum who is planning to move to the city anytime soon. You can reach me by email (gabe@abovegroundrealty.com). I look forward to hearing from you soon, even if it's just some old friends looking to catch up!" **Mary McGrath McNeice** writes, "I happily married Paul McNeice on July 4, 2003 and am enjoying married life. **Maria (Masha) Pushnikova** married Mark Leuner on April 29, 2005 on the Caribbean island of St. Lucia. The ceremony took place on the beach, and afterwards 30 family members and friends enjoyed a fabulous reception at the beachside restaurant of the Anse Chastanet resort. Fellow Brandeisian **Julie Hootnick** was Maid of Honor and legal witness. The couple lives in New Jersey and Masha works for M&M Mars as a finance analyst. **Stacey Snow Connor** was a bridesmaid and **Eric Danis '99** was one of the best men. Paul and I bought our first condo in Andover, MA, and absolutely love it! I began taking graduate classes in the fall of 2004 at the MGH Institute of Health Professions and anticipate graduating as a NP in 2007. I ran the Motorola Marathon and Boston Marathon just prior to getting married, but I am sticking to running for "fun" now." **Amanda Moskowitz** writes, "I'm getting my MBA at Boston University and have one more year left in the program. During the summer of 2005 I interned in securities and social research for a social investment firm, Walden Asset Management, in Boston, and am looking to maybe get into social investing after school, but who knows! I'm also co-chairing our 5th Reunion next summer (June 9-11, 2006) with **Kara Grossman**. We've already started to get a strong committee list started, and look forward to getting others involved!" **Jason Myrowitz** writes: "I wanted to let everyone know that I was

awarded the Graduate Council Fellowship at the University of Alabama, where I finished my MBA, and I will start my doctoral studies in organizational theory at Arizona State University this fall (2005). I also won third place in the KPMG/George Washington University International Case Competition with a grant proposal strategy for National Public Radio." **Anna Nalapova** and **Jason White** were married on November 13, 2004 at Peter White Studios in New York. **Amy Posner** performed the ceremony. **Joanna Nadler** writes: "I started as a grad student at University of Southern California this fall (2005), pursuing my MFA in writing for film and television." **Steven Pickman** writes, "My wife, Nava, and I celebrated our second anniversary at the end of August 2005. We moved to Los Angeles where I am attending a new master's degree program in conservation of archaeological and ethnographic materials being given by The Cotsen Institute of Archaeology at UCLA in partnership with the J. Paul Getty Trust." **Mona Seno** writes: "I think this is the first update I've given since graduation. After graduating from Brandeis, I completed an MFA in Sculpture at the Tyler School of Art, and then entered their M.Ed. program in Art Education. I substitute taught at the Temple University Partnership schools in North Philly, and then moved to upstate New York to teach art and Spanish at Darrow School, a small boarding school located at the site of a former Shaker community. I love it! I'm looking forward to Reunion next year!" **Jamie Shapiro** was graduated from law school and works at an insurance company in the legal department. **Susan Shields** married **David Cahill** on May 21, 2005. **Julia Toub**

moved to Cleveland, OH where she is doing her residency training in neurology at the Cleveland Clinic. **Jill Virag** writes, "This past summer (2005) I received a Master's degree in Jewish History at Yeshiva University and am working on a documentary film about Rabbi Soloveitchik. I enjoyed the summer in Manhattan with **Adina Gluckman, Cheryl Turk** and **Sherrie Neustein**, as well as my Ziv suitemate **Diane Dubsky '00's** wedding in August and catching up with **Ayelet Weissman, Elana Ben-Tor**, and **Sally Schuss**." **Matthew Walker** is in his second year of a Ph.D. program in molecular genetics at Boston University. He also coaches the Rowing team at CRI.

## 2002

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Greetings Class of 2002! I hope this note finds everyone well and enjoying the last final days of summer and sun. On a personal note, I spent my summer trying to catch up on all of the sleep I lost during my first year of law school. I also interned for Judge David F. Hamilton, U.S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of Indiana. Congratulations are in order for **Julie Fishman**, who was graduated from the University of Miami School of Law in May 2005. She began her legal career as an associate of Pertnoy, Solowsky & Allen, P.A., in Miami, FL. **Jake Rubin** started an exciting

opportunity at Group360 in Washington, D.C. Group360 is an innovative and rapidly expanding Washington, D.C.-based communications firm, providing advertising, public relations and advocacy services. You can check out the firm, as well as Jake's bio, at [www.group360.net](http://www.group360.net). Remember to keep your calendars open for Fall Fest (Homecoming/Family Weekend) October 28-30, 2005. One of many activities planned includes a reception tent for alumni at the home soccer game on Sunday, October 30. More information is posted at <http://alumni.brandeis.edu>. Have a Happy Fall, and please remember to send in your Class Notes updates (2002notes@alumni.brandeis.edu)!

## 2003

Caroline Litwak, Class Correspondent, 1602 44<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20007 2003notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Summer is over and it's time to put away the bathing suits and pull out the sweaters. I must say people warned me about D.C. summers, and the heat and humidity were just as bad, if not worse, than expected. Exciting things have happened with our fellow '03 graduates! Two summer weddings! **Liliana Kualapai** and **Hal Schneider '02** were married on June 26, 2005. Many Brandeis grads were in attendance. **Cynthia Shur '04**, **Michael Berger '02**, **David Mayman '02**, and **Eitan Friedman '02** were all in the wedding party. Besides tying the knot, **Liliana** is teaching tap at a few dance studios in the Boston area as well as working at Children's Hospital Boston as a financial assistant. **Elana Judith Klein** and **Benjamin Meir Fertig** were married on July 17, 2005. The ceremony was at the beautiful Villanova Conference Center in Radnor, Pennsylvania. Lots of Brandeis friends were in the wedding party, including **Jessica Badiner**, **Alexander Garger '00** (Ph.D. '04, Neuroscience), **Arwen Roth**, **Yevgeniy Sirofin**, **Shoshana Stern**, **Kerri Sheingold '04**, **David Wasserman '01** and **Joshua Wiczner**. And, the ceremony was officiated by Brandeis' own Chaplain Rabbi Allan Lehmann. Mazel Tov to all! On an academic note, **Jessica Badiner**, **Leah Berkowitz**, **Belh Kander**, and **Sharon Servilio '05** each

had essays published in the 2004 book, *Spirituality 101: The Indispensable Guide to Keeping-or Finding-Your Spiritual Life on Campus* (Harriet Schwartz, Woodstock: SkyLight Paths Publishing, 2004). **Ted Stratton** won two games on *Jeopardy!* in January 2005, collecting \$32,399. He lives in Cleveland Heights, OH, and is a reporter for the *Cleveland Jewish News*. He was president of Brandeis Quiz Bowl. As always, e-mail me with updates on your lives at 2003notes@alumni.brandeis.edu. Happy fall!

## 2004

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**Meredith Badgas** is an editorial assistant at *Ladies' Home Journal* in New York City. She is enjoying writing for the family and entertainment sections of the magazine. **Isabel de Koninck** competed with the U.S. volleyball team in this year's 17th annual Maccabiah Games in Israel. Isabel completed her first year as a rabbinical student at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. As the only rabbinical student in the games this year, De Koninck assumed certain spiritual responsibilities along with her athletic duties. She assisted the U.S. team rabbi, the only team with a rabbi, with Torah readings and with a *bar* and *bat mitzvah* ceremony for athletes who choose to participate. **Nicole Karlebach** is a program associate for the People For the American Way Foundation's newest initiative, Young People For, out of their New York City office. **Aaron Olson** is a member of the Tanglewood Festival Chorus.

## 2005

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Well everyone, here we are, the most recent bunch of Brandeis alumni. Can you



Isabel de Koninck '04

believe it's all over? We are no longer Brandeis students, we are Brandeis graduates. Over the course of the past four short years together we have experienced so much, and now we are all heading in very separate directions. Some of us are moving overseas, getting married, going to grad school, or getting a job. I, personally, am in the latter group. Looking for a job has proven to be quite challenging, companies don't seem so eager to hire entry level staffers. In an effort to ignore my responsibilities, I decided to go on vacation. In July I spent three wonderful weeks traveling and learning in Israel. What better way to procrastinate the job search, right? At this point I should probably introduce myself. My name is **Judith Lupatkin**, some of you may know me as the class of 2005 senator during our senior year. Now I would like to introduce myself in my newest role, as the class of 2005 correspondent. It is my job to keep everyone up-to-date with the latest excitements in all of our lives. If there is something particularly exciting going on in your life like you just cured cancer, or starred in the latest Hollywood blockbuster, or anything at all, make sure to email me at 2005notes@alumni.brandeis.edu and I will be sure to get it in! Even though we just graduated and you probably think there isn't much new information for me to share, I do have some things that you should all know about. First, I want to remind each of you to sign up for LouieNet by creating your alumni forwarding email address (located at [alumni.brandeis.edu](http://alumni.brandeis.edu)). Second, we have our first post graduation class activity coming up in the fall. You should all come back to campus for Homecoming weekend (Oct 28-30), particularly for a Zero-Year Reunion for the



**Anne Addis Nigrosh '52** of Plymouth, MA, passed away on January 3, 2005. She is survived by her husband, Laurence Nigrosh; her children, Diane Posner, Mark Nigrosh, and Jason Nigrosh; her brother, David Addis; and four grandchildren. **Linda Cataldo Gerlach, M.F.A. '82**, died December 25, 2004, of a heart attack. She was an accomplished pianist, a talented artist, and lived a life of service to others. Linda moved with her husband to Waterbury, Vermont in 1985, where they became ordained pastors of the Hunger Mountain Christian Assembly, raised their two daughters, and pursued a life of religious devotion. Linda is survived by her husband, Ralph; her daughters, Angela and Maria; her father, John A. Cataldo; her sister, Diane Cataldo; her brother, James Cataldo, and several nieces and nephews. **Jorge L. Fernandes '91** died December 19, 2004, in an automobile accident in State College, Pa., four months after he joined the faculty of the Department of Ethnic Studies at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. Jorge was a Cape Verdean who was living the American dream. Jorge's parents, Adolfo and Elisa, came to Boston from Cape Verde, 500 miles off the coast of West Africa, to get a better education for their children. Jorge, who spoke a mix of Creole and Portuguese at home, learned to speak English at Madison Park High School, where he was valedictorian of his graduating class. He then embarked on a short but distinguished academic career. After graduating from Brandeis, he earned a master's degree in African-American studies at Howard University and a doctorate in political science at the University of Hawaii. Jorge's research focused on the immigrant experience. "He wanted to understand where he came from and what drove people to leave their countries and pursue other venues," his brother Rui said. He is survived by his wife, **Sasha Treschuk '92**, a son, Gabriel; his parents, Adolfo and Elisa; three brothers, Rui, of Baltimore, Leao, of Saugus, MA, and Antonio, of Dorchester, MA; and a sister, Magarida, of Dorchester, MA. **John Fon Gwan '70**, a professor at Erie Community College, died June 18, 2005 in St. Catherine's

Rehabilitation Center at Sisters Hospital in Buffalo, NY, after a long illness. He was born in Guzang Bamenda, Cameroon, West Africa. John relocated to the Buffalo area in 1970 after graduating from Brandeis and earned his master's degree in political science from the University at Buffalo two years later. He had lived in Buffalo for the last 30 years. Since 1975, John was a professor of government and social science at ECC's City Campus. He also enjoyed cooking and had a special affinity for African food and was also an avid rose gardener. He is survived by his wife, Eveline; two daughters, Sophie and Johnnyka; three sons, Churchill, Mario, and Jinor; many brothers and sisters all over the world; and seven grandchildren. **Michael S. Klein '73**, of Atlanta, Ga., died July 12, 2005. After graduating from Brandeis he received his masters degree from Yale University. He is survived by his wife, Janet L. Kolodner; children, Orly and Joshua Klein; parents, Miriam and Joseph Klein, brother, Jonathan; sister, Lisabeth; and several nieces and nephews. **Carl T. Schwartzman '55** died June 20, 2005 at his Franklin, MA, home after a six-month battle with pancreatic cancer. An insurance broker for more than 40 years, Mr. Schwartzman decided to work on his own and moved his office into his Winchester, MA, home, mainly so he would be there for his wife and children. Carl, a Maryland native, was a world traveler as far back as his student days at Brandeis University. According to **Ron Rainer '55** of Swampscott, a Brandeis classmate. Once, during a trip out West, "Carl woke me up in the middle of the night because he wanted to get to the Grand Canyon in time to see the sunrise," Ron said. After graduating from Brandeis, Carl earned a master's in business administration from Stanford University. He met **Misty Mislavich '58** when both were at Brandeis and they married 45 years ago. Carl is survived by his wife, sons, Bruce and Mark; daughters, Mica Breen and Stephanie Costello, and seven grandchildren. **Ellen Rebecca Starkeson '95**, died suddenly in Williams, AZ, on April 17, 2005. After graduating from Brandeis University with a bachelor's degree, cum laude, in sociology, she earned a juris doctorate degree, cum laude from ASU College of Law in 2000. She

immediately went to work as an attorney for the law firm of Stinson Morrison Hecker, LLP, and thereafter, joined the Maricopa County Attorney's Office as a deputy county prosecutor in November 2003. Ellen was a board member of the Homeless Legal Assistance Project, with which she had been involved since law school. She was also an avid fan of the New England Patriots, and at one time, the secretary of their fan club in Phoenix. She is survived by her mother, Marsha Starkeson; father and stepmother, Gerald and Bona Starkeson; and brothers, Sgt. First Class Sam Hall and Mark Hall; and her grandfather Karl Seiden. **Craig Staudenbauer '56** (M.A., History of Ideas), former chair of the Michigan State University Philosophy Department, died on June 24, 2005, after a long struggle with the effects of Parkinson's Disease. For nearly thirty years Craig taught the department's Plato course, as well as its Medieval Philosophy course and other courses and seminars in the history of philosophy. He was an expert on the philosophy of the Cambridge Platonists, especially Henry More, and of the Italian Renaissance Platonist, Marsilio Ficino. He began his teaching career at Reed College, then joined the MSU Philosophy Department in 1962. He served as department chair from 1977 to 1982. While Craig was a skilled interpreter of esoteric Greek and Latin texts, he was also skilled at things practical. The son of a local jack of all trades in the small town of Jeffers, Minnesota (where his mother was a schoolteacher), Craig was an excellent plumber, electrician, carpenter, mechanic, and all-around handyman. In his final years, despite the fact that hand tremors made typing painfully slow and extremely hard for him, Craig worked on a science fiction novel that he entitled *Cosmos Lycanthropos: Planet of the Man-Wolf*. He finished it only a few weeks before his death. He is survived by his son, Karl; his daughters, Lorelei and Heidi; his granddaughter, Tessie, and his former wives, Marjorie and Lucille.

Class of 2005. For a full schedule of events, visit [alumni.brandeis.edu](http://alumni.brandeis.edu). I hope everyone had a wonderful summer, good luck with the upcoming months! I hope to hear from each one of you soon!!

## Grad

Dramatist **Sharyn Abramhoff Shipley's '72** (M.F.A., Theater Arts) new play, *StarCrossed*, had its world premiere in Portsmouth, NH, its west coast premiere in San Francisco in February 2005, and opens at the Attic Theatre in Los Angeles on Oct. 14, 2005. For more information visit <http://www.starcrossed.biz>. **Richard Godbeer '89** (Ph.D., History) relocated to southern Florida, where he is professor of history at the University of Miami. Richard has taken to Miami like a "duck to water." He is settling happily into his new home, enjoying the city's vibrant cultural life, and after fifteen years of dust and smog in southern California is reveling in Florida's clean air and sultry, subtropical climate. His third book, *Escaping Salem: The Other Witch Hunt of 1692*, was published by Oxford University Press. **Jay Kaufman '68** (M.A. '73, Comparative History) was elected to his sixth term in the Massachusetts House of Representatives and appointed chair of the Committee on Public Service. He is also directing a new Center for Leadership and Public Life at Northeastern University, developing professional development and leadership training programs for community, local, and state leaders, and the press that covers public policy issues. **Brian McKittrick '84** (M.A., Chemistry; Ph.D. '84, Chemistry) was one of five scientists who received the 32nd annual "National Inventor of the Year Award" for discovering and developing Zetia®

(ezetimibe), a drug that can significantly impact the lives of 105 million American adults who risk heart disease due to high cholesterol. The award is presented by Intellectual Property Owners Education Foundation (IPOEF) and is the most prestigious of its kind, having gone previously to those responsible for the development of the Jarvik Seven Artificial Heart, Bose speaker technology and other patented breakthrough inventions. **Melissa Otto '01** (M.A., International Economics and Finance) was elected alumni representative to the International Business School Board of Overseers. **Michael Ramer '88** (M.A. '89, International Economics and Finance) is the International Business School representative to the Brandeis University Alumni Association Board of Directors. **Emanuel Rubin '60** (M.F.A., Music) is professor music history and Judaic studies at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He is the editor of and wrote the introduction for *John Travers Eighteen Canzonets for Two and Three Voices (1746), Recent Researches in the Music of the Classic Era*. Emanuel writes "This follows my previous book by about a year, and is the first in what is planned as a series of modern performing editions of music brought to light for the first time in some 200 years in that book: *The English Glee in the Reign of George III: Participatory Art Music for an Urban Society* (xx, 477). *Detroit Monographs in Musicology/Studies in Music*, No. 38. Warren, MI: Harmonie Park Press, 2003." Pacific University French Professor **Sara Steinert Borella '93** (Ph.D., Literary Studies) was awarded the Pacific Northwest Council for Languages (PNCFL) 2004-05 "Ray Verzasconi Pacific Northwest Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year Award." The award is given annually to a language professor in the Pacific Northwest, which includes Oregon, Washington, Montana,



Howard Tinberg, Ph.D. '82

Wyoming, Idaho, and Alaska. Award recipients are selected for excellence in teaching and participation in professional organizations. Sara is the West Coast representative for Women-in-French (WIF), an executive member of Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association (PAMLA), and was the president of Oregon Association of Teachers of French (OATF) and the coordinator of the National French Contest in Oregon. In 2003, she received the Confederation of Oregon for Language Teaching (COFLT) "Outstanding Teacher at the Post Secondary Level" Award. Sara is on leave in Switzerland finishing a book on Ella Maillart. **Howard Tinberg** was named Professor of the Year by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. **Nickolay Vassilev '97** (M.A., International Economics and Finance) will become Minister of State Administration in the new Bulgarian government.



# A Grandfather's *Legacy*

Many grandparents try to instill important lessons and morals in their grandchildren. But the late Albert A. Silverman taught his grandchildren about philanthropy firsthand—and Brandeis University is the beneficiary of his generosity.

Albert Silverman grew up in the Midwest after arriving in this country from Denmark at two years of age. He came from a family of modest means. He put himself through college and law school at night at Loyola University in Chicago in the 1930s. As a young lawyer, he was called to Milwaukee in 1940 to help Vilter, Inc., a struggling refrigeration company.

Following the Depression, Mr. Silverman turned the company around, ultimately becoming the CEO and chief stockholder. Mr. Silverman served as CEO of the corporation into his mid-80s and created a foundation for charitable giving, serving on its board until his death at the age of 93.

Mr. Silverman gave generously to community organizations in the Midwest, regardless of their religious affiliation. With all three of his grandchildren, Ellen Blumenthal '76, Daniel Blumenthal '85, and Barbara Blumenthal, M.F.A. '89, attending Brandeis, Mr. Silverman was impressed with the education they received and decided to add Brandeis to his list of philanthropies.



Albert Silverman

Today, Daniel fondly remembers his grandfather sending him a check each year, insisting that Daniel hand-deliver the check to then-president Evelyn Handler. This tradition continued with Barbara, until she finished her graduate work in fine arts.

Mr. Silverman remembered Brandeis University each year through his company's foundation, well after his grandchildren went on to lead their adult lives. Remembering his grandfather's great affinity for Brandeis and Mr. Silverman's humble beginnings, Daniel Blumenthal concluded that it would be quite fitting to use his inheritance from his grandfather to begin a scholarship in his grandfather's name. He has since taken it as his responsibility to grow the scholarship fund.

Today, the Albert A. Silverman Endowed Scholarship is given each year to a student of need from the Midwest.



Daniel Blumenthal '85



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